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LAKE COUNTY AND NEARBY NEWS NOTES

5-MILE BILL PASSES SENATE

\$50,000 Fire in North Chicago Almost Completely Destroy Factory of Republic Fence and Gate Company

\$50,000 Fire at North Chicago
Seven families were driven into the street, to shiver for many hours in a below zero temperature, three firemen were frost bitten and damage to the extent of \$50,000 was created by a fire which swept through and almost totally destroyed the plant of the Republic Fence company, which occupied an annex of the Morrow building at the corner of Twenty-second and State streets, North Chicago, Sunday afternoon.

An explosion of gas seeping into the building from a defective underground main, is believed to have started the fire.

Delayed in the arrival of the North Chicago fire department and the presence of low pressure in the city water mains, permitted the fire to gain great headway and a call for assistance to Waukegan was sent in by Fire Chief William Witt of the North Chicago department. Fire Chief Sars O'Farrell and Company No. 2 of Waukegan responded. This was followed by connection of the North Chicago mains with the Waukegan waterworks and better water pressure.

5-Mile Bill Passed in Senate

The bill establishing a "dry" zone for five miles around the naval station, including the city of Waukegan passed the state senate Thursday morning by a large majority vote and will now go to the house, where it is expected that it will be carried almost unanimously.

From all indications the measure which will make Waukegan dry for all time, will become a law. Optimism on the part of the dry forces of the county who have representatives at Springfield, is strong and it is predicted that the bill will pass the house without a dissenting voice.

Senator R. B. Swift, of Libertyville, who introduced the bill in the senate has also earned the credit in the passage of the measure. He is credited with making one of the strongest fights that has been staged in the senate for years in the passage of a liquor issue and won scores of votes to his side. There was no doubt during the last hours of the fight as to the results of the vote of the senate.

ALUMNI DANCE TO BE HELD FRIDAY 23d

High School Gymnasium will be Scene of Annual Affair. Aurcher's Orchestra to Furnish Music

The annual alumni dance will be held at the Deerfield-Shields gymnasium on February 23, 1917. This is a correction on the article printed in last week's paper concerning the dance. The music committee has been very fortunate in securing Aurcher's orchestra, consisting of piano, drum, banjo and saxophone, for the affair. A special invitation will be issued to the members of the senior class at Deerfield-Shields high school. All members of the alumni association are expected to be there.

GETS UP EARLY TO AVOID GAS SHORTAGE

Mrs. Annie Schubnell High School Lunch Room Cook Prepares Luncheon Early in Day

One person who has tried to overcome the trouble caused by the shortage of gas is Mrs. Annie Schubnell, the cook at the high school lunch room.

This very ambitious person slips out of her bed at four bells in the morning and while all the rest of the world is dark, and everyone is still asleep, she goes from her home on Orchard Lane to the lunch room at the high school. Between the hours of four and seven o'clock, according to Mrs. Schubnell, the gas is strong enough to cook with.

At seven o'clock the luncheon for four hundred students is all prepared and is put into the "steam table" and is kept hot by the steam made in the heating plant of the school.

SAMUEL PARLIAMENT DIES ON SATURDAY

Well Known Chicago Business Man Succumbs to Illness of Two Weeks. Burial at Lake Forest Tuesday

Samuel Parliament died Saturday, February tenth at the age of sixty-nine, at his late residence on Sheridan Road, following an illness of two weeks.

He was born June 3, 1847, in Prince Edward county, Ontario, Canada. In 1866 he came to Chicago and was employed with John A. Clough, provisions on South Water Street. The firm of Parliament and Esport, wholesale dealers and exporters in cheese, was formed in 1877. Several years later Messrs Micheal Esport and Frederick Esport retired, Mr. Parliament continuing the business under the same name. At the time of his demise he was the oldest and best known man in the trade.

Funeral services were held at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at the residence. Interment was made in Lake Forest. Mr. Parliament leaves to survive him a wife, Carrie A. Parliament, a daughter, Mrs. Orren S. Peabody and one son, Clarence A. Parliament, all of this city.

TOWN ELECTION NEAR TICKET IN FIELD

Eight Out of Eleven Candidates of Citizens Party Seeking Re-election

Tuesday, April third, is Town Election, and up to the present time only one ticket, the Citizens Party, has appeared in the race. Most of the ticket, in fact eight of the eleven candidates, are seeking re-election and with the three new candidates will pull a large vote no matter what the opposition is. The present office holders have done their duty well and the three new candidates, A. A. Moses, Wm. F. Edwards and Wm. L. Meyers have been prominent in public affairs for several years and will, without doubt, strengthen the ticket. Following is the line-up:

For Supervisor, Theo. M. Clark; for Asst Supervisor, Martin Ringdahl. For Justice of the Peace, vote for four, Ed. F. Stuenkel, A. E. Smith, R. E. Winters, A. A. Moses. For Constables, vote for four, F. Rudolph, John H. Sheahan, Wm. F. Edwards, Wm. L. Meyers. For Highway Commissioner, Geo. Hoesler.

BUSINESS MEN GAIN MEMBERSHIP

Refreshment Committee Give Surprise Dinner in Honor of Newly Elected Officers

That the Highland Park Business Men's Association is gaining in strength and popularity is being demonstrated more and more at each of its succeeding meetings. Every meeting night brings in new members. Last night there were six elected to membership. After the regular business session the refreshment committee had a very pleasant surprise in store for those present in the form of a chicken dinner, which was given in honor of the newly elected officers. The committee was ably assisted by Mrs. O. S. St. Peter, Mrs. George F. Bock, Mrs. William Witten and two daughters, Elsie and Gertrude.

MRS. ELMER BURRILL FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Death Comes as a Result of Hemorrhage January Thirtieth at Alexis, Ill. Was Member of Highland Park N. A. U.

Word was received here on Tuesday of the death of Mrs. Elmer Burrill of Alexis, Ill. Her death was the result of hemorrhage, caused by childbirth. A baby boy was born, but died almost at once. Mr. and Mrs. Burrill were residents of Highland Park from 1910 to 1915. In the spring of 1915 they removed to Alexis. Mrs. Burrill, who was a member of the Highland Park N. A. U., leaves to survive her, a husband and two little girls, aged five and seven years.

PLANS FOR NEW \$60,000 CITY AND TOWN HALL

WANT SKETCHES BY MAR. 1st Building to Embody Offices for Town and City Officials, Council Chamber, Auditorium, Court Room

The committee on Site and Building in connection with the new combined City and Town, in a report submitted to the City and Town Officials, last week, recommended that the present City Hall site be selected as the location for the new building; and that the architects residing in Highland Park be requested to submit sketches for the proposed building, at a date not later than March 1st, 1917.

The cost of the building is not to exceed \$60,000.00 and the plans are to embody the offices required for the town and city officials, council chamber, and auditorium, quarters for fire department, police department and jail and a justice's court room.

The committee does not intend to go out of Highland Park for plans and specifications of this building, realizing the excellent talent in our own city. All local architects have been invited to submit sketches and it is hoped by the committee that public spirit and civic pride will be put into the work and that the plans accepted will be a credit to the architect and to the community.

It was first planned by the committee to have the architects select one of their number to do this work, but upon further considering this matter it was thought best to extend an invitation to each of the architects of the city to submit their own sketches.

W. D. MESSINGER HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE

Family is Awakened at Midnight by Smoke, Insurance on Damaged Property Loss Not Estimated

At midnight on Friday the members of the W. D. Messinger family, residing at 337 Prospect avenue, were awakened by smoke and fire. A call to the Highland Park fire department was responded to immediately, and good work was done. The fire, which started in a defective flue on the third floor, gained headway enough to reach the first floor, damaging the west end of the house. All property destroyed or damaged was covered by insurance, the amount of damage being difficult to estimate.

NEXT WEEK'S MOVIES AT LOCAL THEATRE

E. H. Southern and Edith Storey in "An Enemy to the King," Thursday, February 22nd

Movies for next week at the Highland Park theatre are, Lionel Barrymore and Grace Valentine in "Dorjan's Divorce," Sunday; vaudeville and "Pearl of the Army," Monday; Gail Kane and Carlyle Blackwell in "On Dangerous Ground," Tuesday; Dorothy Gish in "The Little Yank," Wednesday; E. H. Southern and Edith Storey in "An Enemy to the King," and a Victor Moore comedy, Thursday; Lenore Ulrich in "The Road to Love," and "The Secret Kingdom," Friday; Marie Doro in "Oliver Twist," and cartoon pictures Saturday.

TAX-PAYING TIME, OFFICE NOW OPEN

Personal Taxes Should be Paid This Week, Real Estate Before March 10th

Tax-paying time has again rolled around. Miss Mary Dooley, the collector, is in possession of the tax books, and is now ready to take care of all taxpayers at her office at 105 W. Central Avenue. The doors will be open from 8:00 a. m. until 9:00 p. m. Prompt attention to personal taxes, which should be paid this week, will be greatly appreciated by the collector. Taxes on real estate may be paid on or before March 10th, at Miss Dooley's office. After that date it will be necessary to pay to the county treasurer at Waukegan.

PARK ELECTION TODAY DON'T FAIL TO VOTE

POLLS OPEN UNTIL 5:00 p. m. A Favorable Vote Means Municipal Ball Parks, Tennis Courts, Golf Courses, Playgrounds, Etc.

The Highland Park East Park District now includes all that part of the city of Highland Park lying east of the right of way of the Chicago Northwestern Railway Company. Upon a petition of over a hundred residents living west of the C. & N. W. tracks, County Judge Perry L. Persons has called a special election for today, Feb. 15th, to vote on the annexation of the remainder of the city to the present Park District. The polls will be open until 5:00 o'clock p. m.

The polling place in the new territory is the Fire Department Station on W. Central Ave. The polling place in the present Park District is at Purdy's Hardware Store on St. Johns Ave.

Women, as well as men may vote on the proposed annexation. A favorable majority vote in each territory is necessary to annexation. The east side of the city now has the park at the foot of Central Ave. and the newly acquired beach to the north. The west side has inadequate park and playground facilities. It should have a ball park, tennis courts, golf course and other recreation facilities. The city cannot do these things, but a unified Park District could easily provide them.

The annual tax levy for park purposes is limited to 4 mills on the dollar of assessed valuation. The bonded indebtedness, including all other indebtedness, cannot exceed 3 per cent of the assessed valuation of the Park District. The assessed valuation of the City of Highland Park is \$2,361,724. The maximum annual tax levy for the enlarged Park District would be \$9,446. The first levy could not be collected until 1918. The voters of the East Park District have never been burdened with Park taxes and no bonds have been issued, and they know the advantage of being in a Park District Vote for the annexation.

YEAR BOOK OF HIGHLAND PARK GARDEN CLUB

A Most Interesting Program is Announced for the Members During the Summer

The year book of the Highland Park Garden Club has just been issued to its members, and promises to be a most interesting and profitable year to the enthusiastic amateur gardeners who form its membership.

The first meeting will be held Tuesday morning, February twentieth, at the home of the president, Mrs. Walter E. Carr, when Miss Katherine McCauley and Mr. Fritz Bahr will give practical talks on the first steps necessary for the successful garden. Then follow meetings when "The Preparation of the Soil," "Proper Planting of Shrubs," "Landscape Gardening," "The Care of Trees," and "Wild Flowers" will be discussed. "Color in the Garden" is the title of an evening lecture by Mrs. Francis King of Michigan, illustrated with lantern slides.

Mr. Jens Jensen will give a stereoscopic lecture in March at Mrs. Everett Millard's, and Mr. W. C. Egan will entertain the club at "Egandale," when he will give a paper on "Roses." Both of these speakers are honorary members of the club, as is Mr. Jesse L. Smith, who will conduct the club to the sand dunes in Indiana in May. Visits are also planned to the gardens of Lake Forest and Highland Park during the summer. Mrs. Anthony French Merrill and Professor Root will be speakers in the fall.

An important event will be the Flower Show to be held in July at the Highland Park Club, which is for all garden lovers of Highland Park. This show will take the place of the shows which have been held on Highland Park Day during the last two years. Miss Charlotte Yoe is chairman, but everybody is expected to take part on this day and exhibit the best her garden offers.

The year will close in October with an experience meeting when the members will tell of their experience under the leadership of Mrs. Rex Jones.

PAY-UP WEEK STARTS NEXT MONDAY, FEB. 19

Pay all Bills During Pay-Up Week and Start Anew With a Clean Slate

None will deny that wilful indebtedness is wrong. Nothing will hurt a man's standing in the community more than the habit of contracting small debts and letting them run on indefinitely.

There are very few persons unable to pay almost at once the little debts they owe. When they neglect these debts they put themselves in the class with the fellow who won't pay—and few of us desire to be in "Ho-Wont-Pay-His-Honest-Debts" class.

We are going to have a Pay-Up Week in Highland Park during the week of Feb. 19 to 24. In order to promote friendship, good feeling, business credit, be one of the folks that settle all bills during this period. You will be better off—even if you have to economize sharply for a short time afterward—those you pay will be better off because you will help them meet their bills, and the whole community will profit.

Start the habit during Pay-Up Week of paying your bills promptly. Such a habit will establish greater credit for you. Why, any banker will tell you a man doesn't have to be wealthy to secure a loan when he needs it. The poor man who has the reputation of paying what he owes has a better credit at the bank than the man who has resources but won't pay up. Remember the Slogan—"I'll Pay My Bills So You Can Pay Yours."

HELP IN REPLACING BURNED BUILDING

Fire at Arden Shore Camp Represents Big Loss, Money is Needed to Carry on Work

Highland Park people who support Arden Shore were filled with regret to hear of the recent fire which destroyed a number of buildings at the camp.

The Board of Managers feel confident that those who have so generously supported the camp in the past will at this time of real emergency contribute not only toward maintenance for the coming summer, but also toward helping to replace both the buildings and the equipment lost in this fire.

This winter camp at Arden Shore is the only place besides the Jewish Home where men patients discharged from the County Hospital and the wards of other hospitals may be sent to stay until they are strong enough to go back to work.

At the time of the fire there were 15 men in camp, besides the cook and the housekeeper, and the caretaker, who lives there all the year round. There is no cause known for this fire. The thermometer was eight below zero and a high wind blowing; but despite the cold and despite their disabled, half-sick bodies, these convalescent men worked heroically, with the caretaker and housekeeper, to save the baby fold—a building used in summer as an infant welfare station.

The loss of these buildings forced the Board of Managers to discontinue its work for convalescent men during the remaining winter months.

The value of the work done at Arden Shore Camp, not alone in giving summer outings to more than 1900 mothers and children each year, but also in giving accommodations to convalescent men during the winter, can hardly be estimated, and the help toward replacing the buildings should begin at once.

RAY STEVENS, WELL KNOWN HERE, DIES

Had Made Home Here With Brother Byron J. Stevens Buried Monday in Waukegan

Ray Stevens, brother to Mr. Byron J. Stevens of this city, died on Friday last in Chicago. He was buried on Monday in Waukegan. Mr. Stevens made his home in Highland Park with his brother Mr. Byron Stevens, for a few years, and while here he made many friends, who will regret to hear of his death.

FREEZE-UP IN HIGH PRESSURE GAS MAINS

ALL NORTH SHORE SUFFER Primitive Methods of Cooking Resorted to. Big Gang at Work Night and Day Thawing Out Pipes

Owing to a freeze-up in the high pressure mains of the North Shore Gas Co. in the southern part of Waukegan, occurring Saturday morning last, consumers in Highland Park and the towns from North Chicago to Winnetka were out of gas for several days. Primitive methods of cooking were resorted to, and open grate fires, furnaces and chafing dishes became very popular for those who had discarded the old coal stove. Gas began to get through Monday, so that the low pressure lines in Highland Park had enough for cooking, but the pressure developed during the night became insufficient for the rest of the service when meal time arrived. On Tuesday, Mr. George F. Goodnow, the president of the company, stated that he was hoping to get gas through at any moment at its normal pressure; that the frozen area had been narrowed down and the final seat of trouble nearly located.

A big gang has been working night and day, building fires along the pipe line, of wood and gas, as well as applying electric heat. A by-pass pipe was laid along the top of the ground for two blocks. When the gas was turned off to connect the by-pass, it was found that another section north of the by-pass had frozen.

The company has two main lines running south from Waukegan, which unfortunately run together for several blocks, so that the freeze-up occurred in both lines. This is the first instance of such a freeze-up in the 16 years of gas service in Highland Park, and is the result of unprecedented weather conditions, which have affected gas and water supply service in many cities in the north. The company expects to lay a separate pipe as soon as the weather permits, where both lines are close together.

The Public Utilities Commission has taken the matter up, and sent out their gas engineer, Mr. A. S. E. Little, to see that every effort is made to relieve the situation as soon as possible. Effort was made to secure gas from the Public Service Company of Illinois, to supply gas for the emergency, but it was found impossible as that company had hardly gas sufficient for their own requirements in Evanston and the surrounding territory. The situation of the company is said to be unusually good, as to the supply of coal on hand and capacity for making gas, so that the trouble is laid entirely to the freeze-up, except for some temporary breakage of machinery, which has been repaired.

The character of the gas, whether water or coal, is said to have nothing to do with the trouble through freezing. It was rumored that water gas was the cause of the trouble, but this is the same gas that was supplied exclusively by the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, and does not condense and freeze any sooner than coal gas.

FRITZ BAHR HOME PARTLY BURNS SUNDAY

Speedy Work Done by Fire Department Saves Building from Being Destroyed

On Sunday afternoon at three o'clock a fire thought to have been caused by crossed wires, broke out in the third story of the Fritz Bahr home on Second St. and Laurel Ave. and spread to the roof, burning a hole in it. The fire was discovered by a neighbor who notified the members of the family who were all home at the time. The fire department was notified at once and in two minutes after the call was turned in the firemen responded. The damage, which amounted to several hundred dollars and is covered by an insurance, was caused as much by smoke and water as by fire. The cold weather on Sunday was a factor which made it very difficult to put out the fire. Much credit is due the chief, Mr. E. E. Farmer, who made a flying trip here from the south side in Chicago, where he was at the time the call was turned in. The firemen also deserve much credit for their speedy response.