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LAKE COUNTY AND NEARBY NEWS NOTES

GAS CO. TO IMPROVE PLANT

Taxes May be Paid to County Treasurer in Waukegan Until April 15th Without Penalty

Gas Company to Double Output
Improvements which will cost in excess of \$125,000 are to be made to the main plant of the North Shore Gas company in Waukegan. These improvements will double the present capacity of the big plant which was built only a few years ago at a cost of \$400,000. Ground is to be broken for the foundations within the next two weeks according to a statement given out by Manager Albert Goodnow.

The improvements are to consist of eight large coke ovens. These will equal the capacity of the thirteen coke ovens which were put in when the plant was constructed as they are of a larger and more approved type. It will not be necessary to increase the size of the building itself as this was built large enough to provide for the doubling of the capacity.

The daily output of the plant is 1,200,000 cubic feet of gas. According to Mr. Goodnow the plant has been running at capacity for the last eight months and the greater part of that time it has operated with a heavy overload.

The gas company are of the opinion that with the ability to increase the supply of gas it will be possible to improve the service and the quality for it will not be necessary to operate at full capacity all the time.

Pay Taxes to County Treasurer

Beginning today Highland Park people who neglected to pay taxes to the tax collector can pay them to County treasurer, McDonough. No penalty will be charged up to April 15. After that date a penalty of 13 cents on each lot and 23 cents on each land description, will be charged.

After May 1 and up to June 1 an additional penalty of one per cent interest per month will be added. From June 1 up to time of the delinquent tax sale, latter part of June, a penalty to two per cent a month will be charged.

Will Jail Boys Who Kill Song Birds

The Waukegan police are holding the "solitary confinement cell" at the police station in readiness for two youths who were detected in the act of killing robins with an air rifle yesterday morning. The names of the boys are known to the police, and they are threatening to put all boys who kill song birds in jail for three days. The boys will live on bread and water and they will not be permitted company in their cells.

State Aid Road

The state highway commission announced today that it will on April 11 in Springfield, award the contracts for the construction of a portion of the state aid road, namely section C, on Grand avenue out of Waukegan for a distance of 8,600 feet west of Waukegan.

The estimated cost of the improvement will be \$22,010 according to the figures presented by the state engineers.

FIRST WEEK IN MAY TO BE "BABY WEEK"

Mrs. T. C. Williams is in Charge of Affairs This Year and Asks Hearty Co-Operation

"Baby Week" will be celebrated again in Highland Park, and all over the United States, the first week in May. Mrs. T. C. Williams will be in charge of the work this year and by next week plans will be formulated and started off to make this year's celebration ever greater than last year's. It is the desire of those in charge that the same hearty co-operation given by every organization last year, will again be offered. Remember that anything done for the success of this celebration is really done for the health and happiness of the greatest thing in the world—The Baby.

WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP VOTES DRY BY 18 VOTES

Northfield, Home of the House That Jack Built Remains in Wet Column

Wet and dry township elections in Lake and Cook counties Tuesday made slight changes in the liquor map.

In Maine township, which includes Desplaines, Park Ridge, and Edison Park, the drys again triumphed, polling 1,998 to 797 by the wets. Forty per cent of the male vote favored saloons, but only 15 per cent of the women thought likewise.

The four precincts of Northfield township, made famous by the House that Jack Built and other roadhouses voted to remain saloon territory by 824 votes to 433. The wets declared that the women's vote alone was enough to make the township wet. The township includes the villages of Glen View and Shermerville.

Wauconda township, in Lake county, which includes Volo and Wauconda, switched from the wet to the dry column by eighteen votes. On the other hand Vernon township, containing the village of Half Day, went wet after three years of prohibition.

Many of the suburban towns will vote on the wet and dry question April 17.

SEE TIN MILLINERY AT PURDY'S NEW STORE

Kitchen Utensils Are Turned Into Most Attractive Headgear. Now on Display

There are those among us who have certainly missed their calling. Mr. Arthur Purdy, it appears would make a better milliner than a hardware dealer. Without casting any reflections on Mr. Purdy's ability to sell hardware we can't help thinking that he has far too great an artistic touch to remain among the pots and kettles of his hardware stock.

On Monday a great stir was created just outside of Purdy's new hardware store on Central Ave. Investigation proved that a most unique display of hats had been placed in the window. Hats of tin trimmed with everything from dish mops to shelf paper, including nutmeg graters, brushes, dish cloths, knives and forks and in fact every other kitchen utensil, seem to be very attractive and may aid in some way to reduce the H. C. of L.

There's an idea, girls!

NO INTEREST SHOWN IN TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Only 490 Men and 37 Women Vote. The Entire Citizens' Ticket Elected

Tuesday's township election was greeted with very little interest inasmuch as there were only contests for the offices of Constable and Justice of the Peace. The entire citizens ticket, as follows, was elected: For supervisor, T. M. Clark; for assistant supervisor, Martin Ringdahl; for Justice of the Peace, R. E. Winters, A. E. Smith, E. F. Stuenkel and A. A. Moses; for constables, Fred Rudolph, W. F. Edwards, J. H. Sheahan and Wm. L. Meyers; for commissioner of highways, George Heiler. There were only 490 men and 37 women's votes cast.

Frederick W. Cushing was re-elected Commissioner of the Highland Park East Park District for the full term of five years, without opposition.

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION SATURDAY, APRIL 14th

One Member of Board of Education to be Elected. Lake Forest Entitled to Office

On Saturday, April 14th, an election will be held for the purpose of electing one member of the Township High School Board of Education. Mr. D. W. Hartman of Lake Forest, the retiring member will not run for re-election on account of ill health. Lake Forest is entitled to the member to be elected at this time, but as yet no candidate has come forward.

"The Faith of America Must Not Falter in this Supreme Crisis"

In a former issue of this paper we told of the great sufferings and starvation prevailing among the children of Belgium.

We ask our readers to earnestly read the appeal we are now making in this issue for these children, which will give to the people of Highland Park an opportunity to help feed the Belgian Children.

"No matter what occurs in the relations between the United States and any of the belligerent powers," says Herbert Hoover, chairman of the Commission for the relief in Belgium, "the feeding of the populations of Northern France and Belgium shall go on." When the Lusitania was sunk, provisions were made for either Holland or Spain to fill the places of Americans on the Commission's work and carry it forward if war ensued between the United States and Germany. There is no reason to suppose that the new "war zone" drawn around Great Britain by Germany will stop the relief ships any more than the smaller war zone drawn in February, 1915, stopped them. Those ships are allowed to go through the zone immune. "These ships fly the flag of the Commission for Relief in Belgium" says Mr. Hoover; "and this is to-day the only flag at sea that is immune from attack or seizure."

What, then is the Danger?

The danger is that the faith of America will falter at this juncture. God pity the slowly starving children of Belgium if it does! Even if the work of the Commission is made more difficult by the new situation, is that any reason for adding to the difficulties and withholding funds at the time of greatest need? It is the time now to redouble exertions, not to diminish them. Even if we go to war with Germany, France and England are also at war with Germany, and yet they have been contributing tens of millions of dollars to Belgian relief where we have contributed millions. War or no war, the Children of Belgium Will Not be Allowed to Starve, if America does not now fall in her duty. If we falter now, even for a few days, the consequence may be something appalling.

At a meeting on Sunday morning of prominent citizens a subscription list in behalf of this worthy cause, was started by a donation from them of \$50.00.

The Highland Park Press will receive subscriptions to help swell the list and other subscription lists will be displayed in banks and stores. Mr. Chas. F. Grant, Cashier of the Highland Park State Bank, has been appointed treasurer of the Fund and subscriptions can also be made to him. We will publish in our paper the names of those contributing to the Fund and it is hoped that we will be able to forward a remittance to the Belgian Children's Fund that will be a creditable representation of the City of Highland Park.

The little town of Tazewell, Virginia, has sent a draft for \$1,231.00, which is somewhat more than a dollar per inhabitant. Highland Park should certainly be able to equal, if not exceed the results in Tazewell.

Let everyone contribute something. Small amounts as well as large are acceptable.

You can make your subscription in absolute confidence that it will be applied to one object only—the Feeding of the Belgian Children.



"Preparedness"

By Stewart Reed Brown

War or no war physical preparedness is necessary to every man.

We have a gymnasium fully equipped and equal in every respect to the best to be obtained in club gymnasiums, under able instructors, open to all without charge.

The younger men of the town are showing good judgment in its use twice a week.

The older men, who need the gymnasium more than do the younger men only show up occasionally.

In a commercial sense of preparedness, America stands in a class all by itself.

In the matter of physical training we are laggard.

We are paying more attention to physical training today than was the case ten or fifteen years ago. The "awakening" started some fifteen years ago with golf.

Golf alone will not place us in the class of efficiency morally, physically and mentally that is necessary.

There is a helpful democracy in the getting together of men for physical exercise and benefit.

There is little chance for an extended war, so far as this country is concerned, and in eight months Europe will be freed from the scourge, but we should not be unmindful of the lesson that has been taught, and in taking advantage of same we should get together from our present low water mark of physical efficiency.

The gymnasium and corps of instructors, is one of the milestones along the path of greater and better citizenship.

Optimism and success work together.

Our own temperament is sure to help or hinder us, and to be right temperamentally we should be right physically, and right physically we will be right mentally, and right mentally we will be right morally.

In a word—ON TO THE GYMNASIUM MONDAY AND THURSDAY—its yours for the asking.



Voters Will Know Better Next Time

Citizens of the North Shore were very much surprised to note that Representatives Graham and Vickers in the State Legislature from our district did not vote in favor of the Prohibition Referendum bill at Springfield. We do not believe they correctly interpret the sentiment of our district and feel sure they will have to answer to the voters for the action they have taken.

It seems absurd in these days of education and intelligent thinking on the part of the voters, that the State Legislature would refuse to submit such a proposition to a vote. It shows the sort of politics which is being played at Springfield by a certain class of citizens to get into politics and do something.

NEW BOWLING LEAGUE STARTS NEXT WEEK

Men Chosen Whose Average is all the Way from 160 to 186. Expect Fast Games

A bowling league comprising six teams representative of Highland Park business enterprises is being formed at this time, and the commencement of activities will take place next week.

Much importance is attached to the personnel of the teams which will prove one of the features of the tournament. A selection of 36 of the foremost bowlers has been made from the regular league which has just closed and these men average all the way from 160 to 186. Under this arrangement a gathering of bowling experts will perform and the art of bowling hooks, back-ups, cross-alleys and straight stops and get-aways will be thoroughly demonstrated. Hot contests should be the result each night and it will be well worth one's time to drop around to the alleys and take a peep on any night as you will surely be rewarded by some spectacular hitting.

The six teams will be known as: Palace Cash Market, Reliable Laundry, Victoria Restaurant, Albert Larson, Majestic, Highland Park Press.

The proprietor and sole owner of the teams aforesaid is likewise the proprietor and owner of the business house represented and will be the chief mogul and advisor under all exigencies.

LOCAL POLICE FIND COUNTY LINE SUICIDE

Mr. O. John Thes is Found Dead in Bed at His Home. Funeral Will be Held Today

Worry over money matters is supposed to have been the reason for a suicide which occurred last week on the County Line. Last Thursday evening the local police were notified that Mr. O. John Thes, for a number of years a resident of the County Line, two miles south of Highland Park, had been missing for a few days. Upon investigation by Marshal Meyers the body of Mr. Thes was found lying across his bed; a revolver close by and a bullet hole in his head were enough proof of suicide.

Mr. Thes was fifty-two years old, and had no near relatives living. At the coroner's inquest held Friday morning at Prior's undertaking rooms the verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to death by suicide.

Services will be held at the undertaking rooms this afternoon followed by burial at the County Line cemetery.

"LESS THAN DUST" WITH MARY PICKFORD

Local Theatre to Show Wallace Reid and Anita King in "The Golden Fetter," Friday

The following motion pictures are to be given next week at the local theatre, Sunday: Mary Pickford, in "Less Than Dust," Monday, vaudeville and "Pearl of the Army," Tuesday, "A Girl's Folly," Wednesday, "Burning the Candle," Thursday, Vitagraph production of "Blind Justice," and Pathe news; Friday, Wallace Reid and Anita King in "The Golden Fetter," and "Secret Kingdom;" Saturday, George Beban in "His Sweetheart," Burton Holmes and Bray's Cartoon pictures.

Public Gatherings of Children Forbidden

To Check Spread of Contagious Diseases Health Department Issues Strict Orders

Owing to an unusual amount of contagious diseases in Highland Park it has been thought expedient by the Board of Health to forbid public gatherings of children at parties or places of amusement. Until the spread of such contagion is checked all children under the age of fifteen will not be permitted to attend large bodies or visit theatres or picture shows.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM GLADYS SPENCER

Local Girl Who Has Been in Paris Since Fall Writes of Personal Experiences

Last fall Miss Gladys Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Spencer of this city set sail for Paris, France, where she has been employed since, in the receiving and distribution of hospital supplies, sent to France through the American Fund for French Wounded.

The Press is publishing herewith excerpts from her letters, part of which were sent to The 1914 Class Register, a paper published by members of the 1914 class of Vassar college of which Miss Spencer is a graduate member.

Her letters in part follow: "If you don't know what the American Fund for French Wounded" is, I advise you to look it up in your own home city, or town, or village, or wherever you live, for from the contents of the cases we receive, it seems to extend from San Francisco to New York. During November we received over twelve thousand cases and our organization is only one of many here in Paris, which receive things from America.

The Paris depot where I am doing the gentle tasks of opening and unpacking the cases received, is the central receiving and distributing station for the supplies. The boxes come in through the American Clearing House and are brought over to us on trucks belonging to the land. After either Polly Root (Vassar '09) or I have received them and checked them with the fiches sent over from the railroad depot, we open them and unpack them, or if they are packed so that they can be sent out "as is" they are temporarily stored in the open air theatre (shades of the chorus girls who have smiled from that stage) until they are reticketed and dispatched. The supplies go out so fast that we can very seldom keep the warehouse stocked up. They are always out of something.

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FEDERATED CLUBS MEET IN COUNCIL

Organization of Women's Clubs to Assemble in New Orleans

April 9-15

Once in two years the General Federation of Women's clubs holds a convention, and on the alternate years a "council" is held. The last convention was held in New York city last May, at which time Mrs. Francis D. Everett was elected corresponding secretary. The council will meet at New Orleans this year, April 9-15. Mrs. Everett will leave today to attend the meetings of the council.

Aside from the general program which has been planned, and which is most varied and elaborate, the club women of the hostess state have planned extensive entertainments for the visiting club women. A pilgrimage to the old French quarters, and a pageant on the campus of the Sophie Newcomb College are two features on this part of the program.

The Federation has offered the cooperation of its intensive influential organization to the Red Cross. Methods of service to the country will receive much attention at the council.

PARLOR AND DINING CARS ON C. N. S. & M. E. R.

New Cars Run North and South Through City on Regular Limited Schedule

The Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad have put dining cars and parlor cars on regular runs through Highland Park. The following is the north bound schedule for diners through the city: 12:40 p. m. and 6:40 p. m. Parlor cars go north at 9:40 a. m. and 2:40 p. m.

The south bound schedule for the dining cars is 1:15 and 7:15 p. m. Parlor cars go south at 11:15 a. m. and 4:15 p. m.

These trains make the regular limited stops and run on limited schedule.

A regular dining car menu is maintained and there are extra cars to be used by special parties.