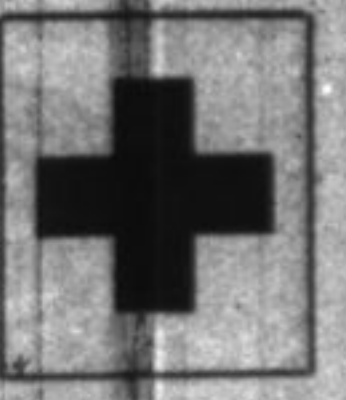




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REFUTATION BY MASON OF PART IN ELECTION

OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

Attorney States His Relation With Advocates of Annexation. Not Responsible for Campaign Methods

Highland Park, Ill., July 1, 1918
To the Editor:

I am afraid that some people in Highland Park do not correctly understand my relation to the recent election for annexation of certain land to the city, and ask the courtesy of a little space to state the facts. Two years ago, after both subdivisions had been platted, I was retained to secure the approval by the city council of that part of the plat of First Addition to Ravinia Highlands lying within the corporate limits. I appeared before the council, submitted the plat and requested its approval. The matter was referred to a committee for investigation and report. After conference the committee informed me that the plat would have to be changed in certain particulars before they would recommend its approval. These changes were made and the plat approved.

Several months ago I was again retained to bring about an election on the proposition to annex these lands to the city. I prepared the majority petition required by the statute, filed it with the city council and requested that a special election be called. The statute makes it the duty of the council to call the election when a proper petition is presented. After the election had been ordered I examined the resolution of the council, the notice of election and the form of ballot to see if they complied with the statute.

I was then consulted as to the proper way to secure support for annexation. I advised that the case be tried strictly on its merits and that no personalities or extraneous matters be dragged into it. This advice was followed until the last few days before election. Different methods were then adopted and the proposition was defeated. I refer particularly to what a "representative citizen of the east side" is alleged to have said about an imaginary class feeling between residents of the west side and the east side of the city. That letter was written without my knowledge or consent and during my absence from the city.

I am not the "representative citizen" quoted in the letter and do not know who it is. Furthermore, any method of securing support for annexation which disregarded the merits of the case or which appealed to a supposed class feeling, was directly opposed to the advice given by me in my professional capacity. For this advice I have no apology to offer.

I make this statement merely because I want my friends and fellow citizens to know the facts. I yield to no one in my devotion or loyalty to Highland Park. I know no class distinctions in this city and I would be ashamed to encourage them. I despise a cad. We are all Americans and everyone is judged by his character and achievements, and not by the accident of birth or neighborhood. I hope my record as a citizen of Highland Park is a sufficient refutation of the suggestion, if there be any, that I am in any way responsible for the excitement and ill feeling that characterized the recent election.

Sincerely yours,
GEORGE A. MASON.

CITIZENS! ATTEND THE COMMUNITY SONG SERVICE

Welcome the Men in Uniform. Service Held at Lake Front tomorrow Evening at 7:30

Every citizen of Highland Park is expected to attend our first community sing tomorrow evening at seven thirty at Lake Front Park as part of his patriotic service on Independence Day. Song books will be distributed and a singing leader will be in charge.

The men of the 40th Infantry from Fort Sheridan will be present and the community sing will be one way in which we can show them our appreciation of what they are doing for us. So let everyone be present and help make the fourth what it ought to be this year.

MILLO PICCO, BARITONE

Always welcome to Highland Parkers and to Ravinia Park Audiences



Everybody welcomes Millo Picco as he returns to Ravinia Park after a long season in Mexico. We enjoy him because he is an artistic baritone with great wealth of expression, but in a more universal sense because he is a genial gentleman and an honest one. Artistic qualities attract but it is sterling character that binds and fills one with genuine gladness upon the return of an old friend. His remarkable clown in Pagliacci and fine sense of values in all roles he has undertaken have made

him sought by companies in Europe, the United States and Mexico. He and his interesting wife are most loyal Americans and relate with feeling suspicious and changed conditions observed in their recent Mexican tour. German bands and bandmasters are popular down there, and their noisy Boche arias are most offensive to Americans. Mr. and Mrs. Picco are Italians and they have in war-ridden Italy two little children under the care of Mrs. Picco's mother. It is an heroic

role they are both obliged to play now in living, or necessity, so far away from their little ones. Mr. Picco tells in entertaining manner of the out-door singing he has taken part in in Mexico City this last winter, when the great arena—given over in former years to toredadors and bull fights, was used for a spirited song festival. Millo Picco has often been associated with Walter Damrosch in his American work and is a great favorite in California.

HENRY LUNN WRITES FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

In France Letter to Highland Park Friend Tells of Air Raid and Bombardment

June 11.
We are still in the same old place. It looks as though we never would get to the front, not that I am so anxious to go up and be shot at, but when one has a job ahead, he likes to get at it. Besides it makes a man feel cheap to know that other troops with less training than his own, are at the front while he is still monkeying around or "gold-bricking," as a new slang phrase puts it. A "gold bricker" is one who "sluffs" work onto some one else.

I promised to tell you about the air raids in Paris. Well, we had been there a few days before our first (the second during the war) it was about 9:00 p. m. and we were just getting ready for bed when it seemed that every bell, whistle and siren in Paris were doing their best to drown out one another. This was the alarm signal at which one is supposed to seek a cellar, for safety, but, of course, we all stayed out to see the fun.

Soon the guns began to send up their barrage fire which made more noise than the whistles had done. The air was at once full of bursting shells, the flame of which could be seen. Here and there, an aeroplane would be showing its lights. Now and then a star shell would light up the sky, while all the time, search lights were sweeping the heavens for hostile air craft. Occasionally one could hear the louder and heavier explosions of air bombs dropped by the enemy.

Altogether it was a fascinating as well as an awe-inspiring sight. These raids always take place on a clear night, for no matter how bright the moon, it is almost impossible to see an aeroplane in the sky, especially if it is very high. The moonlight too

NEW RULES FOR BEACH PROMISE GOOD ORDER

ORDINANCE OF JULY FIRST

One Dollar Permit For Use of Bath House. Not Transferable. Children Under Fourteen Free

The new ordinance passed July first by the City Council provides that every one using the Park beach for bathing must be clad in suitable bathing suit.

Every one must dress and undress in a Bath House.

No one must loiter in park or other public place clad in bathing suit.

Every one must wear through streets an outer garment reaching from shoulder to knee, at least.

Every one over fourteen must pay a fee of one dollar for permit to use a bathing house. This is good for ten times, must be presented to officer or person in charge, bear upon its face name and address of holder, and entitles one to use of locker provided there is space left when application is made. The permits are numbered, recorded by city clerk and not transferable.

The money realized from sale of permits is to be used in the upkeep of beach, equipment or other expense connected with use of beach.

Permits may be revoked for cause (disorder, etc.)

The beach is to be closed from 10:30 P. M. to 5:00 A. M. every day. No loud talking, singing, or unreasonable noise of any kind, which might disturb residents near at hand will be tolerated.

The Mayor is clothed with authority to close the beach at times of epidemic or other public peril.

EMPEY'S OVER THE TOP SOON TO BE PRESENTED

Jean Fitzgerald, Five Year Old Dancer to Give Exhibition, Saturday. "Prinella" Saturday

The following pictures will be shown at Pearl Theatre next week, Sunday, The Unbeliever and a Billie West comedy; Monday, Dustin Farnum, in "North of Fifty Three" and Pearl White in "The House of Hate"; also a Pathé Comedy; Tuesday, Kitty Gordon in "The Interloper"; Pathé News and Mutual comedy; Wednesday Norma Talmadge in "By Right of Purchase"; Paramount Pictograph and Christy comedy; Thursday, Madge Kennedy and Tom Moore in "The Fair Pretender"; Pathé News; Friday, Edith Bennett in "The Biggest Show on Earth, Mutt and Jeff also a Goldwyn comedy; Saturday, Marguerite Clark in "Prinella."

Miss Jean Fitzgerald who is five years old will entertain with toe dancing after the first show only.

On Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27 Over the Top, with Sergeant Empey himself, will be shown. There will be a matinee at two thirty on Saturday July 26.

A PATRIOTIC MEETING AT HIGHWOOD FRIDAY

Eight-thirty O'clock in Bartlett's Theatre. Parade from Patriotic League Rooms to Theatre

Tomorrow evening at eight thirty o'clock there will be a patriotic meeting held in Bartlett's Theatre, Highwood under the auspices of the K. of P's, Spanish American War Veteran's and the Young Ladies Patriotic League of Highwood. A parade will start from the Patriotic League rooms at eight o'clock and proceed to the theatre where there will be good speakers and good music. Every loyal citizen is urged to attend.

MRS. MARY MUHLKE PASSED AWAY SATURDAY

A Resident of this City for Past Seventeen Years. Funeral Held Last Tuesday

On Saturday, June 29th, at 11:30 p. m. Mrs. Mary Muhlike of this city passed away at her home on South Second St. following an illness of several weeks duration. At the age of eight years she moved, with her parents to Chicago, being one of the early settlers and remembering when the Indians lived close by.

She was married to C. G. Muhlike in 1852, and fifty six years ago, they moved to Deerfield. Three years after Mr. Muhlike's death in 1898 Mrs. Muhlike moved to Highland Park, where she has lived for the past seventeen years.

Mrs. Muhlike was the mother of ten children, four of whom died. Those living are Charles F., of Hagerman, Idaho, Mrs. George Brand of Highland Park, Alfred H. and Mrs. R. M. Vant both of Deerfield, Edward G. Muhlike, of Libertyville, and Laura E. of Highland Park. There are fourteen grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and two sisters. Mrs. Muhlike was a faithful member of the Ebenezer church. The family wishes to express deep gratitude for the sympathy shown by their many friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Ebenezer Church at two o'clock. Burial took place at Northfield.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY RAVINIA'S PROGRAM

Three Chicago Artists to Appear on Friday Afternoon's Program. Today Patriotic

Thursday's Ravinia Program is usually dedicated to the children, but this week naturally it has been prepared with a rich patriotic flavor for Independence Day; Overture on American Airs Tobani and American Patrol being two of the numbers.

Friday afternoon's program will be enhanced by the appearance of two Chicago artists, the Misses Eleanor Eastlake and Kathryn Keirnan who will sing three duet numbers. They will be accompanied by Miss Louise Robyn.

Mr. Philip Warner, a young Chicago pianist will play concerto No. 1 B flat minor, Tschalkowsky, second piano played by Mr. Kurt Wanlick.

RETURNS NOT ALL IN OF W. S. S. CONTEST

Waukegan Chamber of Commerce Announces Postponement of Award of Prizes

Owing to the fact that several of the districts have failed to make returns, through their postmaster Chairman on the War Savings Stamp Prize Contest sales, it will be impossible to award prizes on July 4th, and the Committee in meeting yesterday afternoon decided to hold the awarding of prizes in abeyance until Wednesday, July 10th at 9 o'clock a. m. by which time complete reports must be made.

Prizes will be awarded on that date and announcement made immediately afterward.

Waukegan Chamber of Commerce

BENEFIT GARDEN FETE LAKE FOREST GROUNDS

Gardens of the Walter S. Brewster Residence. For Fatherless Children of France

A garden fete, Fete de La Bastille will be given Saturday afternoon, July thirteen from four to eleven o'clock in the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Brewster of Lake Forest for the benefit of the fatherless children of France. Admission will be payable at the gate. Dancing and various kinds of diversion will be the features of the evening. If anyone can contribute red white or blue flowers, please bring them to Miss Genevieve Mott, Saturday morning July 13, and it will be appreciated very much.

LAST SATURDAY'S FUN AT RAVINIA PARK FETE

OPENING A BIG SUCCESS

An Able Roster for the Current Season. Good to Hear Former Singers. New ones are Excellent

Last Saturday afternoon's dynamic program at Ravinia was thrilling enough to energize the enterprise for the coming season. The public came, the army and navy came and the band played. Lieutenant Payen made a speech. The French gentleman was enthusiastically cheered when he said, "Germany was licked when America joined the Allies". A base-ball game between the army and navy boys, a sham battle fought with zest by the Jackies, and finally the glorious rendering in the evening of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by a "Goddess of Liberty" figure in the person of Miss Braslan made it a day of more than the usual Fourth of July patriotism. Added to this, at the close of the first part of Aida, in the evening, Leon Rottler sang "La Marseillaise" in his fine sonorous base. It was good to hear again the cadences music lovers have come to associate with the fair evening settings of the Park, namely those of our old friends, Morgan Kingston and Millo Picco. When the writer remarked the same to our genial summer citizen, Mr. Picco, he replied, "That is one thing I like about America and Ravinia Park. They have a warm welcome always for their accustomed singers. It is not characteristic of the Mexican public from whom I have just come. They are always clamoring for new ones. Our new singers in the company are charming and strong. Braslan's magnificent voice reaches the woods beyond the pavilion in easy waves of song. The dramatic music sings with crystal clearness and a richness that few sopranos possess. All the rest have such merit as to make this the best rounded company Ravinia has ever known."

Sunday night Mabel Garrison was in fine voice, notwithstanding difficult weather conditions.

GIRLS, BE PATRIOTS. AVOID ISOLATED PATHS

Do Your Visiting in Frequented Places and, if Possible, Where Chaperon is Provided

RED CROSS NURSE KILLED BY ELECTRIC

Monday Night at Farwell Station, by Chicago and Milwaukee N. S. Electric

Miss Mary Opauch, a Red Cross nurse at the post-hospital at Fort Sheridan, was instantly killed last night near Lake Forest when she was hit by a train of the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee electric line.

The accident occurred at what is known as Farwell station, near the home of John V. Farwell. With another nurse from the Fort Sheridan hospital Miss Opauch had gone for a stroll and was walking along the electric railway tracks when struck. Miss Opauch was 26 years old and has been stationed at the hospital for some months.