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LODGE ORGANIZED IN HIGHLAND PARK

L. O'KEEFE EXALTED RULER

Seventy-Three Members Initiated at Meeting in Witten Hall Monday Afternoon and Evening this Week

The organization of an Elks Lodge in Highland Park marks a new feature in the city's development. The organization ceremonies, conducted by State Grand Exalted Ruler Webster H. Rapp, began on Monday afternoon, and were followed by a banquet and initiation.

The meeting opened promptly at seven o'clock p. m. Monday when fifty-eight initiations were made and four members were taken in by transferred membership. At six o'clock adjournment was made to the dining room where two hundred and fifty people were served by Thomas E. Welsh's efficient crew of dining car chefs and waiters of the C. N. S. and Electric Line.

At the evening session, beginning at eight o'clock, another class of fifteen candidates were initiated after which Chairman George Bowden of the entertainment committee presented a program of songs, short readings, and piano music.

Among the out of town guests were members from the Chicago, Evanston, Waukegan, Blue Island, and Elgin chapters of the Lodge, as well as a fair representation from the Jackies at Great Lakes.

In light of the fact that the Lodge was organized on the same day the Victory Loan was launched, the exalted ruler made the statement that the first order be drawn on the treasury would be for the purchase of Victory Liberty Bonds.

This new lodge will meet regularly twice a month in the Witten Block where permanent and comfortable quarters are now in process of construction. The officers are as follows:

Exalted Ruler, John O'Keefe; Estemmed Leading Knight, William Witten; Estemmed Loyal Knight, Otis K. Gooch; Estemmed Lecturing Knight, Thomas E. Welsh; Secretary, Alexander J. H. Smith; Treasurer, George F. Boek; Board of Trustees, Howard Huber, George Bowden and Elmer L. Claverly; Tyler, Paul Wohlfruck.

ANNUAL MEETING OF HIGHLAND PARK CLUB

H. A. PARKIN IS PRESIDENT

Reports of the Officers Disclosed That the Club is in Excellent Financial Condition

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Highland Park Club was held at the Club House, Monday evening, April 21, at seven o'clock. Preceding the business meeting a dinner was served, and after the meeting there were several hours of dancing.

The reports of the officers disclosed that the club was in excellent financial condition. A vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers and committees for their successful conduct of the club during the past year.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Harry A. Parkin; First Vice President, Herman Thomas; Second Vice President, Eugene S. Wilson.

Secretary, Irving W. Randall; Treasurer, Carl O'Dell; Directors, Arthur P. Van Schatck, Edward Smith, Britton I. Budd, and Edg Waller.

Plans for the year, as indicated by a number of discussions by the members present, anticipate that the club plans to take a wider part in the social activities of the community during the ensuing year. The organization of a revival of some of the entertainments which proved so successful in former years was suggested, and will undoubtedly be followed by the entertainment committee.

The membership committee will begin an active canvass among the new residents of Highland Park for memberships.

SUPERVISORS ASSIST UNFORTUNATE WIDOW

Action of Lake County Board Assists in Purchasing Set of False Teeth

That the Lake County board of supervisors believes in having its unfortunate people fit to eat the wartime food was proved when it went on record last Thursday as favoring the purchase at county expense, of a set of false teeth for a poor widow who has earned a living for her family unassisted by the township of Deerfield.

The board voted \$17.50 which represents one half the cost of extracting teeth of a woman in Highland Park and paying for the making of two sets of false teeth. Supervisor T. M. Clark laid the matter before the board explaining that an examination had showed the woman's teeth to be puss-filled and stated that the visiting nurse of Highland Park had solicited \$17.50 but that was only half of the cost of the X-rays, the extraction and the making of the plates.

"If the board sees fit to grant this unusual request of buying teeth for a widow who is in dire need, I will be pleased; but I will not be peeved if it refuses for I know this is an unusual appeal. We can solicit the balance of the money necessary but I believe it would be nice to help her out. I move that we allow the sum toward her false teeth," said the supervisor.

The motion carried unanimously. The name of the widow was not revealed.

"WHOO DEE DOO" BY MUSICAL COMEDY CO.

Margaret Fisher in "Lonesome Heart" Tonight at Bartlett's Theatre. New Feature Each Thurs.

Tonight and next week at Bartlett's Theatre, Highwood: Raimund Musical Co., in "Whoop Dee Doo," also Margaret Fisher in "Lonesome Heart," tonight; Sunday, Tom Mix in "Western Blood," also a two reel Sunshine comedy; Tuesday, Pearl White in "The Lightning Raiders," Official War Review, also Pathe cartoon and comedy; Wednesday, Mary Boland in a six reel special feature, "A Woman's Experience;" Thursday, Raimund Musical Comedy Co., also Wallace in "Yunk from the West," and Mutt and Jeff; Friday, Gertrude Robinson in "Concealed Truth;" Saturday "Diddie Polo" in "The Lure of the Circus," Universal Telegram, also a special two reel Elko comedy.

In his program for May 3, Mr. Hinsdell will read "The Will," a play by J. M. Barrie, and a group of poems by modern writers. He will be assisted by Miss Ruth Helms, soprano, in a group of songs. This entertainment is free to the public and is provided by the Parent-Teacher Association of the Ravinia and Lincoln schools, and both the cause and the performance are worthy of special attention. It is a privilege to hear these artists.

WORKERS NEEDED IN LOCAL RED CROSS WORK

Presbyterian Church Open Daily from 9 to 12:30. Laundry Bags and Convalescent Suits Made

The members of the Red Cross are again at work in the Highland Park Presbyterian church. One thousand laundry bags and one hundred convalescent suits are being made for the men at Fort Sheridan. The rooms are open from nine to 12:30 o'clock daily. All those who are interested in this work are urged to come and help.

RESUMES POSITION WITH RAYMOND W. SCHNEIDER

Mr. Emil Johnson Returns to Highland Park After Ten Months Service With the Marines

Mr. Emil Johnson, former jeweler and optician at the R. W. Schneider Jewelry store has returned to Highland Park and will resume his position with Mr. Schneider. He has been in active service with the marines during the past ten months serving on board transports. He has been honorably discharged from the service.

KOON'S GARAGE OPENS NEW DISPLAY ROOM

Floyd Koon, proprietor of Koon's Garage, announces the opening of a new display and sales room at 515 Central Avenue. Mr. John T. Balkam of Minneapolis has been engaged as manager of sales. All models of the new Studebaker and many used cars will be shown at these new quarters. The public is invited to come in and look over the cars and ask for demonstrations.

DRAMATIC READING AT THE LINCOLN SCHOOL

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 3

To Be Given by Oliver Hinsdell, The Well Known Dramatic Reader and Interpreter of Plays

Oliver Hinsdell, dramatic reader and interpreter of plays, who is to appear at the Lincoln School a week from Saturday night, is a young actor possessed of the best native and cultivated qualifications for artistic dramatic work and has had a successful career on the stage in support of both American and English stars.

He played leading parts in Shakespearean dramas with the Ben Greet Players, ending a long engagement with Mr. B. Iden Payne and his company at the Little Theatre in Philadelphia, later joining the Drama Players at the famous Toy Theatre in Boston. During both these engagements he appeared in a varied repertoire of plays.

Mr. Hinsdell was specially engaged for Nat Goodwin's all-star cast of The Merchant of Venice which gave a series of notable performances in the East. He played the role of "Fashion" in the extended run of the morality play, Experience, which enjoyed a phenomenal success. He was in support of Lou Tellegen in The King of Nowhere when he returned to Chicago to take charge of the Dramatic Department at Northwestern University in Evanston. This work in which he proved highly successful, came to a close when Uncle Sam called for boys for the United States Navy.

With a soldier-like obedience and the fine spirit of the patriotic and the emergency artist, Mr. Hinsdell ordered the stage curtain rung down and was soon overseas playing the role of sailor boy in the greatest war drama of all time. He is now released from the service and at home again.

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OUR QUOTA \$450,000 FOR VICTORY LOAN

\$60,000.00 IS VOLUNTEERED

More Workers Are Needed by Committee to Carry on the Drive for Funds in Highland Park

The Victory Loan committee reports \$60,000 volunteer subscriptions in the first two days of the campaign. But the quota, a thing not to be lost sight of, is \$450,000, and Highland Park is yet far from the goal. To raise the full quota means faithful and unremitting work from now until the 10th of May which marks the end of the drive. And this work should not be left to the committee alone. To be sure, the responsibility rests with them to a large extent but they can accomplish little without the hearty co-operation of the townspeople.

Highland Park's record on the Liberty Loan has been one hundred per cent to the good throughout the war, but this record has meant tedious long hours for the workers and intense application to the matter in hand. These men of the Liberty Loan committee need more help—more workers to go from house to house, and assist in the business of cleaning up this last piece of work for the government. If there are men in Highland Park who can spare the time from their business, or who would volunteer for an hour's work in the evening, the committee would be pleased to have them report for duty.

GEORGE M. HOWE TO BE BURIED SUNDAY

Remains to be Removed from Lake Forest Vault and Taken to Beaverdam, Wisconsin

Mrs. George M. Howe and Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Howe will accompany the remains of Mr. George M. Howe to Beaverdam, Wis., where burial will be made in Oakwood cemetery on Sunday. Mr. Howe's remains have been in a vault in Lake Forest cemetery since his accidental death on October twentieth, when he and Mrs. Howe were struck by a northbound automobile on Green Bay Road near the Heeler residence. On account of the fact that Mrs. Howe was unable to attend the funeral the remains were placed in the vault. Services will be held Sunday afternoon in Beaverdam.

FANNIE WARD LEADING IN "COMMON CLAY"

To Be Shown Sunday and Monday, Mable Normand in "Mickey," Is Thursday's Feature

Pearl Theatre will present the following pictures next week:

Sunday, Fannie Ward in "Common Clay," Famous Players Pictograph, also a Lloyd comedy; Monday, Fannie Ward in "Common Clay," Celebrated News and a Lloyd comedy; Tuesday, William Desmond in "Life's a Funny Proposition," Pearl White in "The Lightning Raider," Mutual comedy; Wednesday, Alice Brady in "The World to Live In," Pathe news and Christie comedy; Thursday, "Mickey" featuring Mabel Normand, Pathe news and Universal comedy; Friday, Bryant Washburn in "Poor Bob," "The Lure of the Circus," Mutt and Jeff; Saturday, John Barrymore in "The Test of Honor," Burton Holmes Travelogue, Mack Sennett comedy. Matinee at two thirty.

OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Building Now Owned by Alex Rafferty and Is Used as a Storage House

During yesterday morning's thunder storm the belfry of the old Catholic church building on West Laurel Avenue was struck by lightning and badly shattered. The fire department responded immediately but there was no sign of fire, although there was considerable smoke in the building caused by electric fuses being blown out. The building is owned by Mr. Alex Rafferty and is used for a storage. The contents were not damaged.

CITY MARSHAL TO TENDER RESIGNATION

Mr. John Grant, Who Served City For Year and a Half, To Move to Arizona

Mr. John Grant, who has served as chief of police for the past year and a half, will tender his resignation to the City Council tomorrow. He has sold his home and furniture and expects to move his family to Phoenix, Arizona, the early part of next month. Mr. Grant is moving there for the health of his family. If the City Council accepts his resignation it is expected that Mr. Edward Maroney will be his successor owing to the fact that he is at the present time assistant chief.

C. N. S. & M. TO BUILD WAUKEGAN TERMINAL

Removal of the terminal of the C. N. S. & M. R. R. from Highwood to Waukegan and the construction of repair shops and switchyards at a cost of more than \$100,000 is contemplated by the road, it was announced yesterday by Britton I. Budd, president. "We have purchased a fifty acre tract in Waukegan in anticipation of moving our terminal there," Mr. Budd said. "There is not enough space available in Highwood for expansion." It will probably take two years to make the change.

COUNCIL REDUCES INDEBTEDNESS FROM \$181,690.26 TO \$25,000

CITY TAX LEVY LOWER THAN IT HAS BEEN IN YEARS

Mayor Hastings' Farewell Address to Old Council Brings Out Many Remarkable Accomplishments of the Administration During the First Four Years of Commission Form of Government.

The last meeting of the old City Council was held Friday evening at the city hall. In the Mayor's farewell address to the old council he gave a clear-cut resume of the efficient work accomplished by that body during the past four years. The record of this administration is a brilliant chapter in the history of Highland Park and one which every public-spirited citizen should read with interest.

After the Mayor's address the old council adjourned sine die, and the new council immediately assumed office. Mr. Frank L. Cheney, the only new member of the council then addressed the Mayor, the Commissioners, and the citizen body, commenting favorably and ably on the record of the administration just concluded. Following is the Mayor's report in full:

Mayor Hastings' Report

The administration of the business of the City of Highland Park for the first four years under the Commission Form of Government is about to end. During this time the greater part of the world has been at war, and for the two years just closing our own country has been engaged in the mighty struggle. It is not my purpose at this time to dwell upon the splendid manner in which our citizens have borne Highland Park's full share of this great burden, nor to speak of the great advancement of the spirit of our community which has been inspired by the sacrifices we have all been called upon to make, but for the present, in my review of the past four years, I shall confine myself to the mention of only such practical results as have been accomplished in the business management of the City's affairs.

Immediately after your Mayor and Commissioners took the oath of office, a general plan was outlined for the conduct of the business of the City along the lines of modern business methods employed by large corporations.

The administration of the City's business was divided into five departments, and to each department was assigned the duties and employees which came within its jurisdiction. The Department of Public Affairs was assigned to the Mayor, as provided by law, and each of the Commissioners was appointed the Superintendent of one of the four remaining departments. In this manner all departments were brought in close touch with each other by regular weekly meetings of the Council and through frequent conferences held by the Mayor and Commissioners and the heads of departments. The coordination of the City's business was furthered by "Get-Together" meetings, which were attended by all the officers and employees. At these meetings, a full and frank discussion of the work of the various departments was developed in which the employees, as well as the officers, took an active part. A co-operative spirit between the officers and employees has been thus created in the work of the City.

At the beginning of our term in 1915 the financial problem seemed to be the one of greatest importance. The City's indebtedness at that time consisted of bonds outstanding amounting to \$7,500.00, and public benefits and contractual obligations amounting to \$39,225.19 or a total on May 1, 1915, of \$96,725.19. During 1915, the first year of the present administration, an additional indebtedness of \$49,000.00 was created by the issue of corporate bonds. During the past four years public benefits for street improvements and concrete bridges have been assessed against the City in the amount of \$35,965.07. The administration, therefore, in addition to providing funds for the annual current expenses of the City, has labored under the necessity of discharging the enormous

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