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RAVINIA PARK AND MR. ECKSTEIN

There is only one Ravinia Park. But this is nothing new to us who have watched the struggle through difficult years of this open-air musical center. We who live on the north shore, saw Ravinia Park take form and shape while it was yet under the management of the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric railroad, in the days when A. C. Frost, the president, first began to carry out his own cherished idea of establishing an out of door theatre for music and high class entertainment far from the city in the midst of ravines and woodland. But Ravinia Park, as planned, was not a financial success. And this was not to be wondered at, since, as we all know sadly, only those things which appeal to the popular taste, are immediately successful.

But people of the north shore had seen a vision of the future with Ravinia Park a musical center, and an assured success. Men and women up and down the north shore of Lake Michigan enlisted their energies to put Ravinia Park on its feet, and save it from the ignominy of becoming a cheap amusement park, like thousands of others.

Nothing could be of greater credit to the north shore people than the manner in which they invested their money and their sympathy in the salvation of this great enterprise. But, first, it was necessary to select a man of master executive ability to draft plans and carry out the heavy task which the people had set for themselves. There is an old axiom that when occasion arises for a man of exceptional ability in the affairs of life, the man is always forthcoming. That sounds plausible enough in light of numerous instances in history, but yet we sadly fear that its exceptions are far more prevalent than instances of the rule.

In the case of Ravinia, however, the man was forthcoming, and he arose magnificently to the occasion. That man was Louis Eckstein. For eight years he has stood at the helm of this tremendous enterprise, and piloted its course through many stormy seas. He is one of the busiest of Chicago business men, and yet he gave liberally of his time in all those days of Ravinia's early struggle. It was a painfully up-hill business, too, as we all know well. At length, however, he was rewarded, and Ravinia was on its feet. It was then that Mr. Eckstein had hoped to find his labors lighten, and to be able to devote more of his time to many matters of his own whose interests he had jeopardized by too close attention to the Ravinia project.

But what does he find? Why, simply this, that Ravinia Park successful requires as much if not more time than Ravinia Park struggling to get on its feet. He finds himself now wholly identified with the business of the Ravinia opera season in all its many ramifications, and we simply cannot let him go. For who could take his place? And so it has become Mr. Eckstein's added responsibility to keep Ravinia on its feet. It is a heavy order,—one whose magnitude we little conjecture, we, who go and come to enjoy the opera and the concerts.

Once more we are asked to take notice that the season will open the last of June. We are invited to purchase our season ticket books in advance, and to be good enough to observe that the program for the coming season is just a little better than the last, as it invariably is. We are invited also to help a bit with a guarantee fund for the forthcoming season. And now let us do these things with alacrity and dispatch, considering Mr. Eckstein's long years of unremitting effort on behalf of Ravinia, his careful planning, his efficiency, his minute attention to detail. The north shore owes a debt to Mr. Eckstein which they can never pay, to be sure. But they can put their shoulder to the wheel which he has pushed, single-handed, for so many years, and is still pushing; for the financial management of Ravinia Park is still an up-hill business.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. Martin Wessling of Taton, Ia., is visiting his niece, Mrs. F. C. Norenberg, and Mrs. T. H. Decker.

Miss Pearl Nelson of Austin and Mr. Arthur Bishop of Great Lakes were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson.

Miss Helen Gieser has returned from Madison, Wis., where she spent the past few months.

Mrs. J. A. Brady had as her Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker of Chicago.

Miss Blanche Nixon of Hammond, Ind., spent the week end as the guest of her sister, Miss Lena Nixon.

Mrs. G. W. Blomquist left last Friday for Ellendale, N. D., where she was called on account of the illness of her mother.

Little Ruth Benson of Ravinia, who had her mastoids removed last week at the Highland Park hospital, is getting along nicely.

Miss Winnie Zimmer who has been overseas for the past year with the 130th Inf. Machine Gun Company, returned to Chicago last Saturday, having been honorably discharged.

Mrs. C. H. Doyle of Chicago was the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Guyot, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hedklotz and daughter, Irene, of Woodstock, motored here and spent the week end with Mrs. Hedklotz of Green Bay Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore are moving this week from the McConnell flat on Second St. to Homewood Avenue.

Mr. Winnie Zimmer of Chicago was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Otto Petz, on Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Guyot spent Friday in Kankakee, Ill., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frye.

Mrs. Mary Pondt of Waukegan was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Clarkson.

Miss Hedwig Gieser has returned from a two weeks' trip to Le Mars, Ia., where she visited her brother and sister.

Mr. T. H. Decker and Mr. Howard Huber are enjoying a fishing trip at Trout Lake, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown and family of Waukegan were the Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson.

Mr. Fred Greenstade is on a fishing trip at Lake Koshkonong, Wis. McKenzle Shannon spent the week end as the guest of Mrs. George Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermar Denzel left yesterday for Rockford, where they are attending the annual coal dealers' convention.

Miss Elizabeth Brown of Chicago was the week end guest of Miss Catherine Sullivan.

Angus Shannon of Chicago spent the week end as the guest of Aiden Davis Green.

Mrs. Geo. M. Howe left Tuesday for Marshalltown, Mo., where she will visit her sister for several weeks.

Mrs. C. P. Sullivan returned Monday from Milwaukee, Wis., where she was the guest of relatives for a few days last week.

Mr. R. G. Evans and daughter, Miss Emma, are spending ten days in New York visiting Mr. Evans' brother.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Clow and family spent Sunday in Maywood as the guests of Mr. Clow's mother, Mrs. C. A. Hoopes.

Mrs. H. O. Larsen of Evanston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Evans, while her husband is on a business trip south.

Little Gordon Engels, who had his mastoids removed last week at the Highland Park hospital, is getting along nicely.

The Progressive Cleaners and Dyers, well known along the north shore, have opened a shop at 520 Central Avenue, next door to Geary's Bakery. They are prepared to do sponging, pressing, and repairing of all kinds on short notice.

Ethel Lathrop Marley announces her fourth annual piano recital given by her pupils in Highland Park at the Elm Place school auditorium on Wednesday evening, June eleventh. All those interested are cordially invited to be present.

Mr. Joseph Blum, who has been teaching for the past two years, and who is en route for New Orleans, where he will assist with the reconstruction work for wounded soldiers spent Saturday visiting Mrs. Peter Hintz.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Steinbrecker are again in Highland Park for the summer and are making their home on Belle Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hustvedt of Highwood are the happy parents of a baby boy, born Monday, June 2, at the Highland Park hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Rice returned last week from Pensacola, Fla., where they spent the past winter.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Muench of Olney, Ill., are visiting their daughters, the Misses Muench of Homewood Avenue, this week.

Miss Leonora Pier, who has made her home with her aunt, Mrs. W. P. Moffet, while studying vocal music in the city, left last Thursday for her home in Huron, S. D., where she will spend the summer vacation.

Major R. B. Jacks, who has been overseas with the 313th Ammunition Train, Clover Leaf Division, is spending a ten day furlough in this city. He will report back to Camp Grant from where he expects to receive his honorable discharge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meyers of Highwood are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born on Tuesday, June 3.

Mrs. Lewis Warner and son, Edward, of Racine, Wis., and Miss Pauline Wonder of Peru, Ill., are the guests of Mrs. Mary Ehrenfeuster for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Nicolls are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born May 29.

Mrs. Jacob Vetter of McDaniels Avenue, who has been seriously ill for the past week, was removed to the Highland Park hospital yesterday.

Lieut.-Col. Daniel W. Rogers arrived this morning in Chicago with the 131st Field Hospital and after his muster out will reside in Highland Park. His family is living at 441 N. St. Johns Place.

Miss Priscilla Carver's pupils will give a piano recital Saturday evening at her residence, 328 Central Avenue.

Mr. Zahnle who was taken to the Highland Park hospital six weeks ago, very seriously ill with typhoid fever, is improved and has returned home.

LINCOLN SCHOOL ASKS FOR REVENUE INCREASE

Special Election to be held Saturday Afternoon, June 7, Between 3:00 and 6:00 p. m.

Next Saturday between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p. m. the residents of School district No. 108 will be called upon to vote on the proposition of availing themselves of the privilege of raising the three per cent tax to four per cent in accordance with the new law now in effect.

In raising the salaries of the teachers in that district, the board finds it necessary to avail themselves of this privilege.

The election will be held at the Lincoln school.

District 108 comprises the Lincoln school, Ravinia school and the Ridge school.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Bible School—the Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Departments—will meet at the usual time next Sunday morning, nine forty five. The Beginners and Primary Department will not meet until ten-thirty. The regular morning service will be given over to the exercises of Children's Day. The children will take part.

The minister will be glad to confer with any parents who desire baptism for their children at the service.

The Board of Deacons will meet at four o'clock at the Parish House on Sunday afternoon.

The Young People's Society will meet at seven-fifteen. This meeting will be preceded—weather permitting—with a supper on the beach.

The Woman's Missionary Union will meet on Monday afternoon at two thirty. Tea will be served. The subject will be "China."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Hazel Avenue, near St. John's Ave. Subject for next Sunday's Lesson Sermon, "God, the Only Cause and Creator."

Services are held in this church every Sunday morning at 10:45. Sunday school meets immediately after the morning service, and is open to pupils up to the age of 20 years. The Wednesday evening meeting, which includes testimonies of Christian Science healing, is at 8 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to make use of the reading room at 387 Central Avenue, which is open every week day from nine o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the evening.

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