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SUGGESTIONS MADE FOR CITY PLANNING

COMMISSION MAKES REPORT

Unified Park System, Treatment of Roadways, Sidewalks, Shore Line Planting, All Included

Mr. Everett Milard, chairman of the City Beautiful Commission, returns the following report to the Mayor:

April 1, 1919.

Hon. S. M. Hastings, Mayor, Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Sir:

At your request nearly two years ago, the City Beautiful Commission began an investigation as to the desirability and cost of preparation of a city plan for Highland Park, by an experienced authority on city planning. We went into the matter carefully, and have reported informally to you, but it was deemed best to withhold a recommendation and report during war conditions, which are now happily over.

Highland Park had its first important period of city planning when the town was laid out in 1873. By the wise foresight of the Highland Park Building Co., under Mr. Frank P. Hawkins, and the genius of the surveyor, Mr. William M. R. French, later for many years the director of the Chicago Art Institute, public parks were dedicated, and a street system planned, which took full advantage of the beauties of the ravines and lake and yet was so laid out that the streets led directly, without meaningless windings, to the center of the town. So far as it was possible to the planners of the little village at that time, Highland Park had a good start.

Now is the second important period in the life of the City, in which our future growth and development can be determined with wise foresight, under competent advice, or the city left to arrange itself according to accidental circumstances.

We have before us the question of a unified park system, with development of recreational facilities adequate for the future, by acquisition of a large tract to provide for outdoor sports, such as baseball, tennis, golf, skating, children's playgrounds, swimming pool, outdoor theatre and open air facilities for adults and children.

Through route transportation by steam and electric lines and particularly automobile traffic, requires immediate attention. The military highway to the west of the city, and its connections to Highland Park are of great importance. The connection of Highland Park with the comprehensive plan of Chicago and vicinity, and with the townships immediately surrounding it, the study of local street development, and Sheridan Road, their character and treatment, width and paving of roadways, sidewalks, planting and lighting, the lake shore treatment, and the policy of the city toward public bathing, should be studied. The elimination of grade crossings, and the completion of connecting streets, such as Railway Ave., Ravine Ave., etc., the elimination of dirt and noise, in conjunction with progress of electrification in Chicago, the question of local freight handling, and the treatment of the freight yards, should all be carefully considered.

The plan for a Community House is under discussion and awaits action. The Hospital and City Hall are determined, at least for the present, but the growth of the city, and its relations to the military camp at Fort Sheridan must be studied with a view to these and other improvements which will come. A zoning bill is now under consideration by the Illinois State Legislature, and is expected to pass. The districting and zoning of Highland Park is a matter requiring skilled study, and such power of zoning should be promptly availed of, if the bill passes, to determine future character of occupancy, whether industrial, business or residence. The proposed Lake County Forest Preserve, and its use by the city, also demands thought. The business center is one of the most important subjects of study. The highest authority on city planning in the west is Mr. Edward H. Bennett, who is consulted nationally on such subjects, and has prepared a plan for the nearby city of Winnetka.

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HIGH SCHOOL POOL TO OPEN JUNE 30

All Are Invited to Come and Swim. Mr. Rothacher in Charge of Classes

The Deerfield Shields High school swimming pool will open for the summer season on June 30th with Mr. Rothacher in charge. All are invited to come and avail themselves of the privileges of this pool where the water is clear, sparkling, heated and filtered. Pool is always supervised when in use, and there is no charge. Patrons using the pool are asked to bring their own bath towels.

Following is the schedule of classes:

Monday — 11 to 11:30 a. m., Boys 9 to 13 years; 2 to 2:45, Boys 13 years and over; 2:45 to 3:30, Girls 13 years and over; 3:30 to 4:30, Boys, 13 years and over; 4:30 to 5:15, Boys, 13 years and over; 5:15 to 6:00, Girls, 13 years and over.

Tuesday — 10 to 10:30, Girls 9 to 13 years; 2 to 2:45, Boys, 13 years and over; 2:45 to 3:30, Girls, 13 years and over; 3:30 to 4:30, Men.

Wednesday — 10 to 11, Ladies; 11 to 11:30, Boys, 9 to 13 years.

Thursday — 10 to 10:30, Girls, 9 to 13 years; 2 to 2:45, Boys 13 years and over; 2:45 to 3:30, Girls, 13 years and over; 3:30 to 4:30, Men.

Friday — 10 to 11, Ladies; 11 to 11:30, Boys, 9 to 13 years; 2 to 2:45, Boys, 13 years and over; 2:45 to 3:30, Girls, 13 years and over.

Saturday — 10 to 10:45, Girls, non-swimmers; 10:45 to 11:30, Boys, non-swimmers.

For further information phone Mr. Rothacher, 845W or 105.

GEORGE BUCK INJURED WHEN STRUCK BY AUTO

Chauffeur Did Not Stop But Later Shot Himself in Chicago

A wagon driven by Mr. George Buck was struck by a south bound automobile Tuesday evening at Roger Williams avenue and Green Bay road. The car was owned by Charles Pike of Lake Forest and was driven by Walter Elokärpe. Mr. Buck was thrown from the wagon and had his shoulder dislocated and was scratched.

The auto driver did not stop to see what damage he had done. After the accident Elokärpe returned home and left a note stating that he had struck a carriage in Highland Park and that he was going to kill himself. He was found yesterday morning in a rooming house in Chicago, in a very critical condition. He had shot himself. He was removed to the County hospital, Chicago.

WILLIAM S. HART IN "THE MONEY CORRAL"

Pathe News Wednesday, Frank Keenan in "The Master Man" Thursday, Matinee on Saturday.

The following program will be presented at Pearl Theatre next week:

Saturday and Sunday, Douglas Fairbanks in "The Knickerbocker Buckaroo," Pictograph and Bee Hive Cartoon; Monday, Shirley Mason in "The Final Close-up," Celebrated News and Lloyd Comedy; Tuesday, Bessie Love in "Carolyn of the Corners," Maciste in "The Liberator," and Bee Hive Cartoon; Wednesday, William S. Hart in "The Money Corral," Pathe News and Christie Comedy; Thursday, Frank Keenan in "The Master Man," Pathe News and Universal Comedy; Friday, Charles Ray in "The Busher," Mutt and Jeff, also Fox Comedy; Saturday, Norma Talmadge in "The New Moon," Burton Holmes Travelogue, Mack Sennett Comedy. Matinee at 2:30.

VAUDEVILLE AT BARTLETTE THEATRE

Sunday, William Farnum in "The Broken Law," Also Two-reel Sunshine Comedy

Bartlette Theatre, Highwood will present the following program next week:

Tonight, Four acts of vaudeville and a comedy; Sunday, William Farnum in "The Broken Law," also a two reel Sunshine Comedy; Tuesday, Ruth Roland in "The Tiger's Trail," Pathe News Cartoon and Comedy; Wednesday, Jewell Carmen in "The Fallen Angel," also Mutt and Jeff; Thursday, four acts of vaudeville with feature and comedy; Friday, Gladys Leslie in "The Wild Primrose," also Big V Comedy; Saturday, Marie Watcamp in "The Red Glove," International News, also a two reel Universal Comedy.

ANTONIO SCOTTI, Baritone

Who Will Appear in "L'Oracolo" at the Opening of Ravinia



ALL HIGHLAND PARK WELCOME AT BEACH

NO CHARGE FOR SWIMMING

Certain Restrictions Made Here to Discourage the Thousands Who Flock Here from Chicago

The beach at Central avenue is now open and ready to welcome all the swimmers who may come from Highland Park. Owing to the great difficulty which the city authorities have had to discourage the thousands of Chicago motorists which flock to the beach on Sundays, it became necessary from time to time, to formulate some rules and restrictions in regard to the use of the lake beach at that point. These restrictions, however, were not designed to discourage Highland Park's own bathers, and if there is yet any misunderstanding in this matter, it is imperative that it be cleared up and the people of this city assured of their absolute freedom to enjoy the privileges of the big beach at the end of Central avenue.

The only restrictions which are imposed on the citizens of Highland Park are those which every respectable person would wish to see upheld. In the first place, there is no charge whatever for swimming. Boys are asked not to urinate outside the locker room, but they are not required to rent a locker or check their clothes. Of course, in case of theft, no one can be responsible but themselves. Girls, are also not required to pay for a swim at the beach. There are locker rooms provided for girls, without any charge, but women are required to rent a locker. These lockers can be used for the small sum of ten cents provided the one dollar tickets are purchased at the beach, in which the ticket will be punched each time the locker is used until the ten permits are gone.

According to a statement made by Mr. Warren, a new locker room is soon to be built for the young boys of the town so that they will not be under the necessity of occupying the same room with the men.

It is earnestly hoped that there will be no further misunderstanding in regard to the bathing beach. Boys and girls who state that they are not permitted to use the beach at Central avenue without paying a fee, are simply misinformed. The lake is closed to no one who wants to use it rightly and abide by a few first principle rules of decency.

The following rules are reprinted here for the benefit of all those who are not clear on the requirements for using the Central avenue beach:

Park Beach Rules
No suits or towels will be furnished.
No wearing apparel allowed on the benches or the beach.
Profane language or rough conduct will not be tolerated.
Annoyance of women and children will be punished to the full extent of the law.
Women are earnestly requested to report to the police any person guilty of offensive language or misconduct.
Women are warned against strangers offering swimming instructions.
Because of the scarcity of lockers, as well as the child's safety, children (Continued on Page 8)

TRIBUNE REPORTER IN SMALL BUSINESS

ANYTHING TO MAKE "COPY"

Takes up Trivial Matter—Distorts It—Brings in Woman's Name—All for Sake of "Copy"

An over-zealous Tribune reporter, hot on the trail of "copy," must have had a slack day for news when he took up the story of Mrs. Powell's apartment. Mrs. Powell, who lives at 648 Vine avenue, decided to rent her small apartment to adults for a few weeks while she took a vacation, and advertised for adult renters only. An officer of Fort Sheridan applied for the apartment with the intention of sending for his wife and two children in Georgia. Mrs. Powell refused to let the apartment go to people with small children; first because of her own belongings, a stock of dressmaker's supplies, and second, because her landlord, who occupies the first apartment, would not give his consent to have children in the upper apartment, owing to the fact that he had previously rented rooms to a gentleman, (who sleeps days), with the understanding that there would be no noise from small children above.

"They have French poodles and Pekinese chow dogs and squint eyed Japanese terriers in Highland Park (you can hear them any day barking from millady's lap in the snappy show cases) but children appear to be taboo—nonessential, as it were," such were the words of the outraged young reporter.

Now if he had looked in on Highland Park, even more than once, he might have discovered, what everybody knows, that Highland Park, instead of being "threatened with race suicide" is simply alive with children—fine, robust, noisy specimens, at that. There may be an occasional poodle in an electric, but there are a thousand children seen in cars in this town to every poodle. Highland Park is a city of many children.

In the matter of opening up homes to accommodate the officers and men at Ft. Sheridan, Highland Park has done her share there, too, and is still doing it. To bring a woman's name into the newspaper merely because she reserved the privilege of renting her small apartment to adults looks like small business for a large well known paper like the Chicago Tribune. And, as for Highland Park, it must be hard up for news when so trivial a matter is taken up, amplified, and distorted in order to produce a half column of "copy."

Y. W. C. A. PAGEANT TOMORROW EVENING

One Hundred Girls to Take Part in "The Wayside Piper" at Elm Place School

Over a hundred girls will take part in the pageant, "The Wayside Piper," and the dances which will be given at Elm Place auditorium on Friday evening, June 27, at 8 o'clock. The girls will appear in costume. The pageant has been carefully prepared, and it is hoped that a large number of people will take advantage of seeing this splendid entertainment.

PETITIONS CIRCULATED FOR PARK EXTENSION

Purpose of Backers to Bring All of Highland Park Under One Park District

Forty members of the Committee of One Hundred, which is promoting the proposed park extension, met at the City Hall on Monday evening and drew up petitions which are now being widely circulated. These are addressed to the County Judge, petitioning him to submit the question of park extension to the legal voters both in that portion of Highland Park already included within a park district and in the area proposed for annexation. Only the names of those living in the territory to be annexed are to be affixed to petitions. This territory is described as including all of Highland Park west of the Northwestern tracks and a sufficient adjoining portion of Deerfield Township to bring the park limits to the east line of the right of way of the Northwestern Railroad on the other side of the Skokie Marsh.

Orville G. St. Peter is chairman of the committee of One Hundred, Victor Musser, Secretary, with Paul Udell in charge of the circulation of the petitions and Sam S. Holmes of the publicity end of the campaign. The meeting revealed an interest and a unanimity of purpose which would seem to prophesy the success of the movement.

NEED OF THRIFT SHOP IN COMMUNITY SHOWN

All Departments Do Thriving Business at Opening Saturday Afternoon

The opening of the Community Shop on Saturday was a decided success. All departments did a thriving business. There is a great demand for second hand articles of all kinds, especially clothing for men, women and children. The bakery department needs more cake, candy and roll makers. Those who will take orders during the week and those who will have consignments for each Saturday please notify Mrs. Louderback, Tel. 288. Mrs. Bradshaw Egan will call for any articles for the Thrift Department, Tel. 208. Mrs. Butler Tel. 553, will be glad to have consignments of fancy and practical handwork. All articles in this department are paid for when sold, a 15 per cent commission for selling going to the shop. In the home bakery department goods are paid for when received, less 15 per cent for selling.

Tea, cake and sandwiches are served every afternoon in the tea shop and orders taken for picnic lunches. This week a trunk was supplied on short notice and tea was made for a weary stranger.

The shop will soon have its own telephone, and it is hoped that everyone will make their wants and wishes known. After many weeks we feel sure that the community shop will be the recognized medium for not only the exchange of material things but for the exchange of mutual helpful ideas which will grow into concrete form and benefit the entire community. In the meantime let us all acquire the community shop habit and drop in. Hours 10 to 4 o'clock.

SHELL SHOCK PATIENT COMMITS SUICIDE

Corporal August Sobeslav, a shell shock patient of the Ft. Sheridan hospital, committed suicide Tuesday afternoon by jumping in front of the south bound train which reaches Highland Park at three forty nine. He was standing in front of the ticket office of the C. N. W. station when the train pulled in and jumped in front of it. He was killed instantly. Mrs. Anna Zack of Chicago is a sister of the victim. An inquest was held at Prior's undertaking rooms yesterday morning, and the verdict was suicide by jumping in front of an approaching train. The body was shipped to Chicago where burial will be made.

RED CROSS SHOP CONTINUES WORK

The Red Cross Shop is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from nine to twelve o'clock in the Presbyterian church parlors. All who are interested in this work are urged to attend.

RAVINIA OPENS WITH SCOTTI IN "L'ORACOLO"

PRECEDED BY PAGLIACCI

Sunday Night Mabel Garrison Will Appear in "Lucia," Monday the First Symphony Concert

Ravinia Park will open next Saturday night, June 28th, with Antonio Scotti, as the leading attraction. At that time he will make his first appearance on the Ravinia stage as Chim-Fen, the opium dealer, in "L'Oracolo," an opera as yet unknown to Chicago and the middle west. Scotti will appear at the opening night of Ravinia under the auspices of the Scotti Opera Co., and it is predicted that the "western premiere of 'L'Oracolo' will prove an occasion of uncommon importance in Ravinia's annals.

"L'Oracolo will be preceded by the first act of Pagliacci with Florence Easton (first Ravinia appearance), Morgan Kingston, Milla Picco, Louis D'Angelo, and Francesco Daddi in the cast.

It is a curious coincidence this year that most of the sopranos and contraltos engaged for the coming season at Ravinia are Americans who have achieved considerable fame in grand opera both in this country and abroad. Florence Easton, who has lately become a member of the Metropolitan Opera company, and who for two seasons was a valued member of the Chicago Opera company, is a dramatic soprano of unusual operatic gifts; Mabel Garrison, who has replaced Frieda Hempel as leading coloratura soprano at the Metropolitan; Edith Mason, who is already favorably known as a leading singer of Ravinia; Myrna Sharlow, well known as a member of the Chicago company, and Frances Ingram, a contralto who has earned a substantial recognition throughout the country both in opera and concerts, and who has been a member of the Chicago company as well as the Ravinia organization. She has been engaged for the coming season to sing contralto roles at the Metropolitan.

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Other members of the company are Morgan Kingston, Milla Picco, Orville Harrold, Thomas Chambers, Louis D'Angelo, and Francesco Daddi.

On Sunday night Mabel Garrison will appear in "Lucia," the role in which she scored her great success last winter at the Metropolitan in New York and brought her name into the front rank of coloraturas.

On Monday night the Chicago Symphony Orchestra will give its first concert, the soloists being Harry Weisbach, violin, and Enrico Tramontani, harp. Mrs. Emma Patten Hoyt will sing a group of French songs.

FORMER RESIDENT OF THIS CITY DIES SUNDAY

News was received here Sunday evening of the sudden death of Mrs. George F. Conrad, which occurred Sunday afternoon in Seattle, Wash. The body is being shipped here for burial. Mr. Conrad and two children will accompany the remains here.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad are well known in this city having made their home here up to two years ago when they moved to Washington where they have since resided. The news of her death comes as a great shock to their many friends.

OTTO J. KNAAK FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Otto J. Knaak of Deerfield filed a bill for divorce yesterday in the circuit court of Waukegan, and asks that his marriage on September 1, 1915, be declared null and void.

The petition was filed by Attorney E. S. Gail, of Highland Park. It states that Mrs. Knaak has a husband by the name of King Brumfield, still living, whom she legally married at Richmond, Ind., about March 5, 1915.

Brumfield is still her legal husband, the petition further charges.