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TAXES BOOSTED \$2.51 PER \$100 VALUATION

NEW LAW INCREASES TAX

Tax Rate of District 107 is Only \$7.79, but is Based on Half of Assessed Value Instead of Third

An extra force of clerks is busy at work in the office of County Clerk Lew A. Hendee extending the taxes for this year. The tax rate could not be determined until returns were made by the state and this has been the cause of much delay. As a result the county officials will not be ready to begin collecting taxes before the first of March. No taxes will be accepted before that time.

Incidentally taxpayers are due for a little shock when they step forward to pay their taxes this year. The tax rate in district 107 is \$7.79 on each \$100 assessed valuation. On the face of it this would appear to be a reduction for the rate last year was \$9.17 per hundred, but it must be recalled, however, that the \$9.17 rate was collected on one-third of the assessed valuation while the \$7.79 rate is to be collected on one-half of the assessed valuation.

For example, if a man has \$300 worth of property, his assessed valuation this year is \$150. Last year it was \$100. It cost him \$9.17 last year. This year it will cost him \$11.68 for the same amount of property, or an increase of \$2.51 per hundred.

Throughout the County

Following is the tax rate for various cities and towns throughout the county, a comparison being made with the 1919 tax rate:

	1920	1919
Zion City	\$5.12	\$6.34
Winthrop Harbor	6.11	7.00
Antioch	7.21	8.14
Grayslake	5.02	6.60
North Chicago, Dist. 63	7.34	9.01
North Chicago, Dist. 64	7.34	8.91
North Chicago in Shields	7.26	7.98
Lake Bluff	4.45	5.85
Lake Forest in Shields	5.03	7.60
Lake Forest in West Deerfield	5.98	8.97
Libertyville	5.89	6.85
Wauconda	6.14	7.70
Highland Park Dist 107	7.79	9.17
Highland Park Dist. 108	7.19	8.33
Highwood	6.87	9.13
Deerfield	7.10	9.37
Lake Zurich	5.38	7.17
Lake Villa Dist. 32	5.88	7.79
Lake Villa Dist. 41	5.53	6.75
Round Lake	4.30	5.53

A. L. DRUM HOME SHATTERED BY BOMB

Former Residents of Highland Park Have Narrow Escape on Saturday Night

The present residence of A. L. Drum and family, 103 Bellevue place, Chicago, formerly of this city was the object of a bomb attack last Saturday night. The family were at dinner when the crash of an exploding bomb, followed by the sound of shattered glass, startled the residents in several houses in the radius of the Drum home. No one was injured.

The first attack on this same house was made in October after which Mr. Austin, the occupant, moved to the Virginia hotel for greater safety. It is said that he received threatening letters, one of which read: "We will get you yet, although you do not live on the gold coast." Apparently Mr. Austin was the man they were after.

An aftermath of the bombings came early last December, when George J. Williams, member of the South Shore Country club and of the Kenwood and Hyde Park Property Owners' association, declared that charges of "conduct unbecoming to a gentleman" had been filed against Mr. Austin with W. F. McWhinney, secretary of the club.

Mr. Austin, on being informed that the charges set forth that he "sold and rented his property in Grand boulevard to colored persons" admitted he had done so, but added that if "they expel me for that they will have to expel some of their best members, because I know of plenty who have done the same thing." The charges were never prosecuted.

AMERICAN LEGION HOLDS ITS REGULAR MEETING

Will Give a Social and 'Get Together' for Men of Highland Park February 16th

At a meeting last Monday night of the Duquesne Spencer Post No. 145, American Legion, it was voted to invite the Deerfield Post to merge with that of Highland Park.

Resolutions were passed thanking the high school board for the use of the gymnasium, and the Highland Park club for the use of its rooms.

Mr. Hendrickson, recently transferred from the Fort Wayne Post, gave an interesting talk on the success of the band organized by that Post. As a result, and with Mr. Hendrickson's assistance, this Post will organize a small orchestra and jazz band.

Robert Wood, who was a conspicuous figure in the building of the Panama canal, is now a resident of Highland Park, and will address the next meeting, on Monday, March 1.

The Legion voted unanimously to support the new community center. The treasurer's report showed that the dance, held Jan. 16, was a financial success; the funds will be used for the maintenance of the local Post, and the promotion of Legion activities.

On Feb. 16, a special social and "get together" meeting will be held in order that the townsmen may become better acquainted with the Legion. The place of this meeting will be announced in our next issue.

OLIVER HINSELL TO BE HERE WEDNESDAY

Will Address the High School Parent-Teacher Association at 3:00 O'clock

Next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, Mr. Oliver E. Hinsell will address the High School Parent-Teacher association in the English Room at Deerfield-Shields. Mr. Hinsell is now very well known in Highland Park, having given several dramatic recitals in this city. He now has his audience here of loyal supporters who can be relied upon to follow him whenever his name is announced.

Owing to the fact that Mr. Hinsell is teaching in his studio all day every Thursday, and could not come to Highland Park on that day, it was decided to postpone the regular meeting, which would have been today, and change the date to Wednesday, February 11, instead.

Mr. Hinsell has kindly offered to come to Highland Park and give this talk to the parents and teachers of the high school students because he believes sincerely in the importance of dramatic art, and because he believes in Service in the larger adaptation of the term. He spent two years in the service of his country, as seaman and officer in the Navy. Later, he spent many a long and tedious hour, hours that tried his very soul, in trying to give the wounded men at Ft. Sheridan a real message, and one they could remember. Never did he work harder in his attempt to please and entertain than when standing in the great hospital rooms speaking to the long cot rows of wounded young men who must face the future with a handicap. All who are interested in Mr. Hinsell's readings are cordially invited to come to the high school next Wednesday and hear what he has to say about the secrets of his art. This will be an open meeting in charge of the Educational Committee of the P. T. A.

DIES SUDDENLY IN CHICAGO MONDAY

Miss Margaret Kinney, niece of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Renning of this city passed away Monday evening at seven o'clock at the Contagious Disease hospital, Chicago, following a week's illness of scarlet fever and diphtheria. She was sixteen years of age.

Miss Kinney's home is in Boston, Mass., but she lived with the Renning family in this city for several years. During her residence here last year she attended the Deerfield-Shields high school where she was very popular among the younger set. She leaves to survive her mother and a brother. The remains were shipped to Boston where burial will be made.

WOMANS CLUB HEARS KARLTON HACKETT

Crowded House Greeted Speaker at Regular Meeting Tuesday Afternoon

Karlton Hackett's appearance at the Woman's Club last Tuesday afternoon was greeted by a crowded house. In developing his theme, "Militant Music," he showed that music lovers and enthusiasts everywhere, those who demanded the best in music, had always been able, by their persistent efforts to get just what they wanted. The history of music, of the organization and full realization of great symphony orchestras, afforded a fine example of this militant tendency on the part of the devotees of music to carry their ideas through regardless of opposition, regardless of the lack of money.

And it is precisely this militant spirit on the part of music lovers which proves at once the greatness and the necessity of music. "Man can not live by bread alone," said Mr. Hackett. "We may start out to make money, with no further motive in view than to acquire enough to buy bread and meat to feed our bodies, that we may be renewed for the next day's struggle to acquire more money to feed the body the better, and to clothe the body in greater beauty and comfort; but at last the time comes, in the pursuit of this vicious circle, when we find that there are needs of the average intelligent human being, other than the needs of the body. The time comes when, to buy richer furs, finer jewels, more expensive cuts of meat, does not satisfy. At that time man turns instinctively to music and the higher forms of art."

Mr. Hackett spoke on the death of American composers, great composers. He said that we had come almost instinctively to look for a foreign name on a music program if we were to have any faith in the program. The only form of music produced and originated in America which is of the American soil and blood, is the American rag and the American jazz. "These forms," said the speaker, "are undeniably ours. Of course we do not admit publicly that there is any good in these forms at all, and yet, way down deep, there is not one of us who does not, at some time or other, vibrate to the pulse of this music."

Mr. Hackett thinks it just as well to wait awhile before stamping these musical forms as an abomination, for it is possible that, out of these despised creations, may spring America's ultimate and sincere musical expression.

SMITH COLLEGE WOMEN TO GIVE BRIDGE PARTY

The Smith college women who, under the leadership of Mrs. Edward Smith, are doing their bit in Highland Park to help raise the four million dollar endowment fund, have decided on a bridge party at the Highland Park club as the best expedient for raising money for the needs of their Alma Mater.

The bridge party will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at 2:30 at the Club, and a goodly committee of Smith alumnae have answered the call of service and rallied round the flag. Many tables have already been sold, and every one so far who has been asked has shown a very gratifying desire to help the college women in their drive, and enjoy an afternoon of bridge.

It looks now as if the whole town was going to help Smith college. And why not? Why should college graduates and people who believe with all their hearts in college training show themselves narrow and partisan in such matters? Smith is one of the few great American colleges for women, and wherever there is love of truth, wherever there is patriotism, wherever there is devotion to the great American ideals, she will find a home.

The committee in charge of the benefit includes the following names: Mrs. Marion Chase and Mrs. Arthur Wood, of the Moraine hotel; Miss Muriel Mertens, Mrs. Everett Millard, Mrs. Rachel Baldwin, Mrs. James Hart, Mrs. Merrill Folanabee, Mrs. Malcolm Vail, Mrs. Roger Vail, Mrs. Eliza Morgan and Mrs. Edward Smith. Tables can be obtained from any of the committee previous to the day of the bridge party. Tables may also be obtained on the day of the party, the prices being five dollars each, or one dollar and a quarter a person.

TWO OLD RESIDENTS DIE TUESDAY NIGHT

Miss Anna Obee Succumbs to Influenza and Mr. Chas. McLaren Victim of Pneumonia

Miss Anna Obee, daughter of Mrs. H. E. Obee, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock at the home of her brother, Mr. Fred Obee, in Highwood.

She was taken ill a week ago Tuesday, presumably with influenza. She was removed to the hospital where, on Wednesday, she was delirious. It was then thought best to take her to the home of her brother. Here she seemed to get along nicely and it was not until Tuesday of this week that her condition became serious.

Miss Obee was fifty-five years old, being born in England Jan. 18, 1865, coming to this country and settling in this city in 1875 where she has resided ever since.

Besides her mother, she leaves three sisters, Mrs. Col. E. B. Clark of the Chicago Evening Post; Mrs. Amy Scott of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Mrs. D. R. Smith of Edison Park; three brothers, William of this city; Fred of Highwood and John of Detroit.

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Trinity church with interment at Lake Forest.

Charles McLaren
Pneumonia was the cause of the death of Mr. Charles McLaren, an old resident of this city, which occurred Tuesday night at the Fort Sheridan hospital, following an illness of two weeks. Mr. McLaren was forty-two years old and resided with his parents Mr. and Mrs. James McLaren, at 1009 N. St. Johns avenue. He was employed at Fort Sheridan.

Besides his mother and father he leaves a brother, William, to survive him. Funeral services were held this morning at nine o'clock at St. James church, Highwood. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

DEATH CLAIMS FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT

Mrs. Mary Skehens Ralph Dies at Wichita Falls, Tex. Burial at Lake Forest Tuesday

Mrs. Mary Skehens Ralph, wife of John Ralph, died suddenly Thursday, Jan. 29, at Wichita Falls, Texas, where the family had recently moved. She had been ill a week but her condition had not been considered serious. Mr. Ralph went to work as usual that day and when he returned home his wife was dead. He had told his son to remain in the house and look after his mother, and the child did not realize that she was dead as she had just gone to sleep and not awakened.

Mrs. Ralph was thirty-three years old and was born in Lake Forest where her parents now reside. She lived in this city for ten years.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, Leonard, to survive her. The remains were shipped to Lake Forest where services were held on Tuesday with interment in St. Mary's cemetery.

Mrs. Ralph was a member of the Highland Park Chapter of the Royal Neighbors.

BUSINESS MEN MET ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Complaint Made That Railroad Keeps Deerfield Road Blocked Too Much of the Time

Good attendance marked the meeting of the Business Men's association held Tuesday evening in Witten hall. Regular monthly business of the organization was transacted. A feature of the evening was a talk by Fred D. Silber of the Community Service, who explained the proposed plans of that organization for a membership campaign.

Complaint was made that the road to Deerfield is kept blocked a large part of the time by the Northwestern freight trains at Blodgett. It was asserted that the trains stop for water continually and keep traffic on the Deerfield road blocked. A committee was appointed to investigate the matter and report at the next meeting.

Refreshments were served and a smoker was enjoyed after the meeting, in which members of the B. P. O. E. were invited to participate. Several reels of motion pictures were exhibited and the remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent.

TODAY—"CITIZENS' DAY" AT THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTER

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION ENDORSE NEW PROJECT

Reception to be Held This Afternoon and Evening for Every Man, Woman and Child in Highland Park. Yourself and Friends Are Cordially Invited.

Last Saturday night the Army and Navy Center of Highland Park ceased to exist and the Community Center of Highland Park took its place. As if in dedication of this important civic event, the Y. W. C. A. held their annual meeting in the parlors of the "Center" and a very successful meeting it was. Chairs had to be brought in from across the street to accommodate the crowd of parents and children who had been drawn to this meeting and even then, after filling all the long benches, chairs, and settees, some twenty or thirty people were compelled to stand. Those who have long dreamed of a community center in Highland Park, had they been present at this meeting, could have seen their rosiest dreams visualized without shutting their eyes.

The first part of the evening was devoted to the reports of the different clubs, which ranged all the way from tiny tots to the mothers' clubs. One end of the great living room was provided with a temporary stage, on which the children gave demonstrations of their dancing and the various talents which the Y. W. C. A. training had developed.

Mrs. Everett Announces the Community Center

After Mrs. Searcy had made her report for the year, Mrs. Francis Everett arose and announced that the Army and Navy Center no longer existed, and that, from henceforth, these beautiful rooms would be known as The Community Center of Highland Park. They have become the club house of the citizens of Highland Park.

While this banner meeting of the Y. W. C. A. might be regarded as the last public gathering in the Army and Navy Center, it can also be regarded as the first community event in the new municipal center. Music, dancing, and refreshments were the final features of this very successful meeting, and every one was loath to go home when the time came.

Citizens' Day at the New Center
This afternoon and evening the new Community Center of Highland Park is keeping open house. It is a reception day, a "welcome home" for every man, woman and child in Highland Park, and it is hoped that not one will fail to avail himself of this opportunity.

The match string will be out from three o'clock in the afternoon until six in the evening, and again from eight o'clock till eleven at night. All citizens of Highland Park are urged and expected to come. They need no ticket, no passport for admission, nothing but a genuine interest in the new community home of Highland Park citizens.

Business Men Endorse Center Project
At a meeting of the Business Men's association last Tuesday evening, the question of the new Center was brought up for discussion. Many facts in regard to the former work of the Center, heretofore unknown, were brought to light with the result that a unanimous vote in favor of the new community house was placed on the records of the Business Men's Association.

The Membership Button
The Community Service button signifies your membership in the Community Service of Highland Park, which means, not only that you enjoy all the rights and privileges of this great municipal club, but that you have dedicated yourself also to the service of others whenever it may come your way.

Every man, woman and child ought to have a service button, and it is hoped that, after the drive which begins next Monday, the ninth of February, almost everyone will be wearing a button. If reports are true, the town will be pretty well combed for memberships, and all who are seen on the streets without buttons will be asked the reason why. It promises to be a lively game, this membership drive and one whose slogan will be:

"Button, button, who hasn't got the button?"

Center now Equipped to Serve 150 People

The Center is equipped at the present time to cook and serve one hundred and fifty people. They have an accumulated equipment for community service amounting to \$5,000, including two pianos, organ, billiard tables, furniture, dishes, and kitchen equipment. They hope to furnish one of the back rooms for the benefit of the small boys who may drop in there, and who will eventually form their own little clubs.

For the past two Sunday nights, the house maids have come to the Center with their friends where they were entertained for the evening in pleasant and wholesome surroundings.

It is probable that very soon parties can be arranged for, and the parlors rented for the evening by any local organization. Committees are also invited to meet there, provided previous arrangement has been made with Mr. Harris. For a small fee they can have coffee and cake served for such meetings, or they will be privileged to bring their own refreshments. "In fact, this is to be the living room for the town," declared its manager to a representative of The Press.

"But how is everybody to know this fact?" he was asked. The manager smiled: "When one ant finds a lump of sugar, how do the rest find it out?" was his reply.

EUGENE O'BRIEN IN "THE BROKEN MELODY"

Hall Room Comedy Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, "Twenty-three and One Half Hours Leave"

Pearl Theatre will present the following program next week:

Sunday, Will Rogers in "Julibo," by Ben Ames Williams, Fox Sunshine comedy and Chester outting picture; Monday Leah Baird in "The Capitol," from the stage success by August Thomas, "The Trail of the Octopus," Supreme comedy; Tuesday, Eugene O'Brien in "The Broken Melody," pictograph and two reel Hall Room comedy; Wednesday Zasu Pitts in "The Other Half," supported by Thomas Jefferson, Paramount magazine, Christie comedy; Thursday, Elsie Ferguson and David Powell in "Counterfeit," based on an original story by Robert Baker, Paramount Travelogue, Celebrated comedy; Friday and Saturday, Douglas Mac Lane and Doris May in "Twenty-three and a Half Hours' Leave," a Paramount Artcraft special, Roscoe Arbuckle in "The Hay Seed," Burton Holmes. Matinee at two thirty.

ERASTUS O. HAVEN
IS CALLED TO REST

Pneumonia Proves Fatal to Well Known Young Man; Wife and Two Sons Survive Him

Erastus O. Haven died Wednesday night, Jan. 28, at his home, 241 Laurel avenue, following a two weeks' illness from pneumonia. The funeral was held Saturday morning at eleven o'clock at the home, Rev. McClure of the McCormick Theological seminary officiating. Burial was in the Lake Forest cemetery.

Mr. Haven was the son of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Haven of Lake Forest. He had been a resident of Highland Park for about one year, and made many friends here during that time. He was a member of the Highland Park club. Mr. Haven was a graduate of Lake Forest academy, and also of Amherst college.

Besides the wife, there survive two sons, Erastus, Jr., and Dexter Stearns Haven.