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## THE BOARD OF REVIEW UNDER HEAVY FIRE

### OBJECT TO 30% INCREASE

Tax Increase Throughout Lake County Not Uniform. Some Townships Harder Hit Than Others

The action taken August 29, 1919, by the Board of Review of Lake county in raising land values in the cities of Lake Forest, Highland Park and Waukegan uniformly 30 per cent above the values set by the local assessors has been questioned by certain taxpayers. Other townships were raised as follows: Avon, Lake Villa and Grant 30 per cent; Antioch, 25 per cent; Newport 20 per cent; Wauconda, Elia and Warren 15 per cent; Cuba and Vernon 10 per cent and Fremont 5 per cent. William Wright of Waukegan was granted a temporary injunction by Judge Welsh in the circuit court last Monday restraining the county treasurer from collecting the taxes on the increased valuation on the property of the complainant. The petition that secured the injunction recited that the Board of Review had taken the action complained of without due process of law. The law requires that when a horizontal raise is contemplated, notices to that effect must be sent out to at least fifty taxpayers in the district affected. This having been done and sufficient time having been given for filing objections, the Board of Review may take action. It is charged that this formality was not observed. It is not charged that the Board could not legally have made the present raise in valuation or a greater one if it had seen fit, even after all possible protests had been made. It is simply maintained (on a technicality, of course) that the notices were not served according to law and that the increased valuation is illegal. That Judge Welsh was impressed by this argument is shown by his restraining order. It remains to be seen whether the taxing bodies affected can show cause to have this injunction dissolved or whether, on the other hand, a blanket injunction can be secured restraining the county treasurer from collecting the taxes on the increased valuation of all taxpayers affected. If the latter should happen, it is evident that many public enterprises would be crippled. Take Elm Place school for example. Much publicity has lately been given to the inability of the Board of Education of District 107 to maintain the usual high standard of Elm Place school today on the income of three or four years ago. (Continued on Page 10)

## EAST PARK DISTRICT ELECTION APRIL 6

One Commissioner For Five Years, and One for Term of Four Years to be Elected

Tuesday, April 6th, the annual election of the Highland Park East Park District will be held for the purpose of electing one commissioner for the full term of five years, and one commissioner for the term of four years.

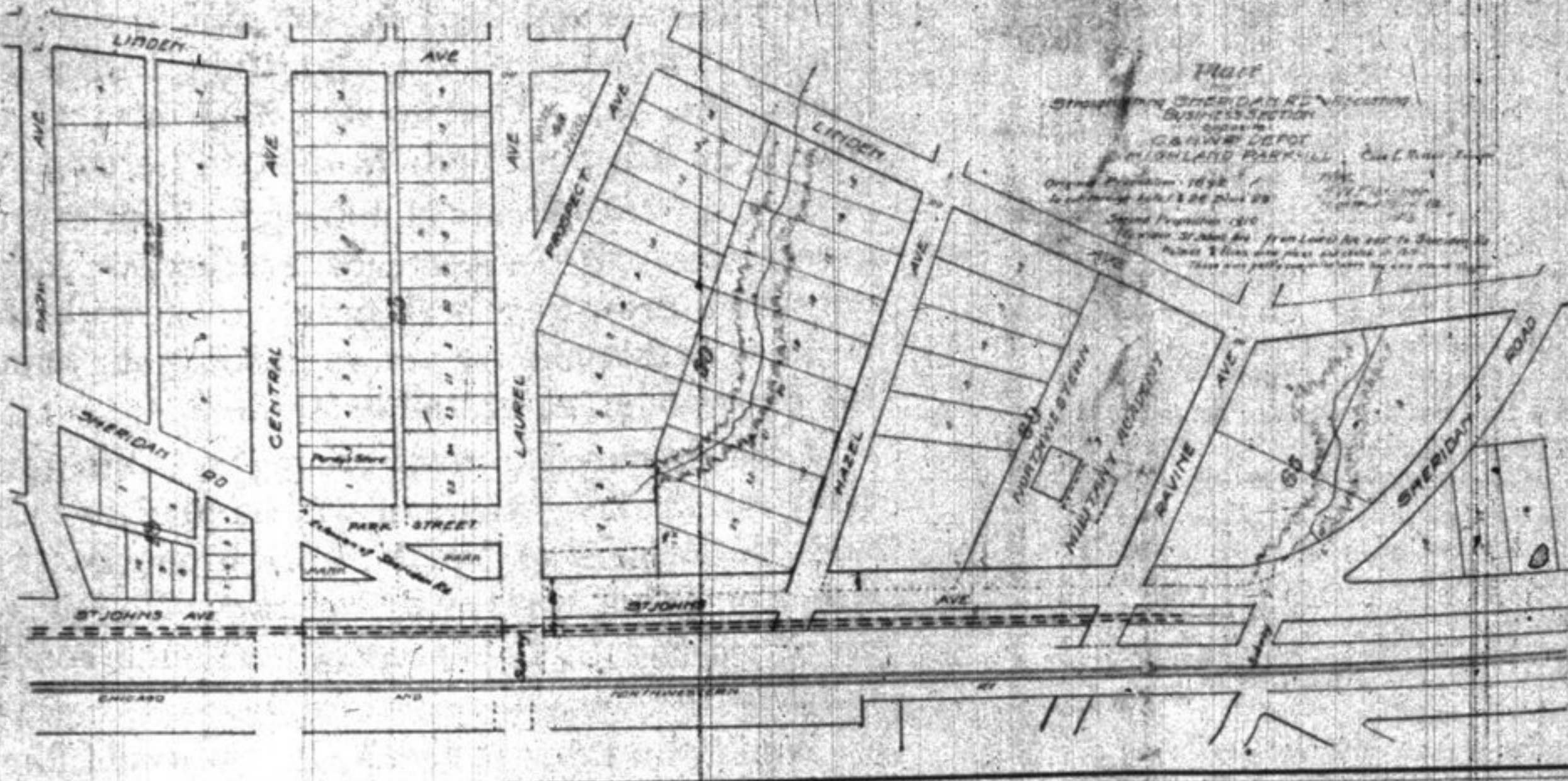
The retiring officers are Mr. O. G. St. Peter and Mr. Alex Rafferty. As yet no petitions have been filed. However, Mr. O. G. St. Peter and Mr. Alex Rafferty are candidates for re-election.

The polling places for this election will be Geo. H. Koon's auto show room, 47 S. St. John's avenue, and the City Hall, 549 Central Ave.

## PREPARATIONS FOR DANCE UNDER WAY

Woman's Club Reception to be Given April 17th. Most Enjoyable Evening is Promised

The Highland Park Woman's Club will give their reception and dance Saturday evening, April 17, in the high school gymnasium. The Community Service has kindly consented to turn over that evening to the Woman's club dance. Preparations are well under way by the various committees and this promises to be one of the loveliest affairs of the spring. Harvey's orchestra has been procured thus assuring good music for the evening.



## "FRONT YARD" PLAN SUBMITTED FOR CITIZENS' CONSIDERATION

### WOULD CONTINUE SHERIDAN RD. SOUTH FROM CENTRAL

Tear Out Present Buildings on St. Johns Avenue to Make Room for Triangular Parks. Rebuild Stores East of Sheridan Road on New Street.

The time has come, The Press believes, for the citizens of Highland Park to take up the matter of beautifying and improving their civic front yard and straightening and widening their downtown streets, and this not only for the furthering and convenience of traffic but in order that we may present a better front to the railways and the principal automobile thoroughfares so that the passer-by as well as the new comer may receive a better impression of our town as he views it for the first time.

Chicago is about to begin work on its magnificent lake front improvement project and Lake Forest has completed its picturesque and beautiful new market square, so that it is time for us to be stirring.

The two improvements most needed are the continuation of Sheridan road south from Central avenue to Laurel and the widening of St. Johns avenue.

The Press is submitting herewith a plan drawn for Mr. A. W. Fletcher which shows how Sheridan road could be cut through from Central Hawkins building, now occupied by the Community Center, to St. Johns avenue at the site of the present Hawkins building, now occupied by George Koon. The widening of St. Johns avenue south from Laurel avenue to Sheridan road where it turns east, is also shown. It is proposed to add 40 feet to the east of St. Johns avenue to compensate for the 40 feet now occupied by the tracks of the C. N. S. & M. railway, thus making an 80 foot street where traffic requirements make it most needed. The plan also shows a new street between Central and Laurel avenues running parallel with St. Johns, this street to be taken off the east side of lots 1 and 26 in block 23, the same being the property of Mr. Fletcher.

Upon this proposed short street, which is called Park street, in the plan, the buildings now on St. Johns avenue, fronting the station could be removed or rebuilt, preserving their

present relative locations. This would leave in the space between the new Park street and St. Johns avenue two small triangular parks, separated from each other by the new extension of Sheridan road. These two small parks could be planted with shrubbery and would make a most attractive foreground for the new buildings on Park street which should be planned with great care and made as dignified and beautiful as possible. Upon the westernmost of these triangles a new station for the North Shore line might be built to correspond in style with the other improvements.

Next as to the financing of the plan.

The electric railroad for the past twenty years and more has occupied the west half of St. Johns avenue almost, if not entirely, to the exclusion of other traffic. This is true from Elm place to Sheridan road on the south. When the franchise was originally granted to the railroad it was agreed that the part of the street occupied by the tracks should be available for vehicle traffic, but experience has proved that such joint use is not practicable nor feasible. Why, then, should not the railroad in return for the forty feet of public street it occupies give to the city forty feet to the east of the present street, retaining the west forty feet for its exclusive use except for access to the Northwestern station. The electric road has had the use of half the street for twenty years and more for a very small compensation to the city, and it ought to be willing to make its occupancy permanent in the way suggested above.

The North Shore line is giving us excellent service and deserves the fairest and most generous treatment. It is admirably managed by its present officials and is distinguished for the courtesy of its employes, but it is a prosperous corporation and there is no reason why it should continue to occupy the half of an important

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## CHARLES RAY IN "RED HOT DOLLARS"

"Dangerous Hours," Adapted from Saturday Evening Post Saturday. An All Star Cast

Pearl Theatre will present the following program next week:

Sunday, "Dangerous Hours," adapted from the Saturday Evening Post story, Paramount Arterraft all star cast, Hall Room Boys comedy; Monday, Taylor Holmes in "Nothing but the Truth," from Frederic S. Isham's vastly popular novel and the stage success by James Montgomery; Tuesday, Bryant Washburn in "The Six Best Sellers," Weekly news and comedy; Wednesday, Charles Ray in "Red Hot Dollars," Paramount magazine and comedy; Thursday, Hope Hampton in "A Modern Salome," Celebrated comedy and travelogue; Friday and Saturday, Norma Talmadge in "A daughter of Two Worlds," LeRoy Scott's great novel, Burton Holmes and Mutt and Jeff. Matinee at two thirty.

## AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Meeting Held in Waukegan March 18 To Inaugurate Membership Drive for April

At a meeting of Lake county post officers held in Waukegan March 18, it was moved that a county membership drive be inaugurated on April 6th, the drive to last two weeks during which time American Legion posts be formed at Antioch and Lake Villa.

A membership drive committee was selected, each post to be represented by one member. Every committee consists of the following chairmen: G. V. Smith, Waukegan; R. M. Cobb, Highland Park; C. C. Craig, Fort Sheridan; Mr. Oke, Lake Forest; Mr. Foval, Lake Bluff; Mr. Morey, Waukegan; Mr. Kennedy, Libertyville; Mr. Opeka, North Chicago.

## WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Date of Meeting Changed to March 30. Miss Comstock, of Girls' Protective Bureau to Speak

The Highland Park Woman's club wishes to call attention to the change of the date of the next meeting, which was to have been held April 7. The date is Tuesday, March 30th.

The speaker of the afternoon will be Miss Harriet Comstock, who heads the girls' protective bureau of Chicago. Miss Comstock is a Vassar girl, and has studied the condition of women and girls abroad as well as in this country. She is well equipped to give a most delightful and interesting talk.

## MRS. ESTHER WRIGHT PASSED ON LAST NIGHT

Mrs. Esther Wright, widow of the late Z. W. Wright, died last evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Winston, in South Sheridan road, as the result of heart trouble.

She was born in New Hampshire in 1838. For the past two and one half years she has made her home with her daughter.

The remains will be shipped to Detroit this afternoon where funeral services will be held tomorrow (Friday) with interment in Detroit.

## MRS. JAMES ODELL ADDRESSES OSSOLI

Club Enthusiastic Over Success of the Community Kitchen in Evanston

Mrs. Rose Rhinehart Anton completed her course of three charming lectures on the Culture of India yesterday at Ossoli.

An interested audience greeted Mrs. James A. Odell when she told of the workings of the community kitchen in Evanston, but a most enthusiastic audience it proved after hearing Mrs. Odell. She prefaced her remarks by repeating the following introduction, which was given at the Illinois Federation of Woman's Clubs held in Peoria:

Once upon a time, some one said "I will wash all the clothes for the people in this neighborhood." Everybody said—all the women said "It cannot be done, Mother did it." It was done, and we have the bakery.

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## TO ELECT MEMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

Election to be Held April 10th. Term of Mr. Trowbridge of Lake Forest Expires

An election will be held in the Deerfield township high school district on Saturday, April 10th, for the purpose of electing one new member of the high school board.

The retiring member is Mr. Trowbridge of Lake Forest whose term expires. The vacancy caused by the expiration of his term should be filled by Mr. Trowbridge's reelection or by the election of another Lake Forest citizen.

The terms of the two Highland Park members, Mr. Geer and Mr. Morgan, do not expire at this time.

The polls will be open between the hours of three o'clock and six o'clock. The election will be held in the banking rooms of the North Shore Trust Co. of this city, at the city hall in Lake Forest, and at the Town hall in West Deerfield.

## WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF AURORA BOREALIS

The Northern Lights Make First Visit Since 1918. Telegraph Service Tied Up by Display

A wonderful display of the aurora borealis illumined the sky Monday evening, creating much excitement and hampering the telegraph and wireless service over the entire country.

The northern lights first appeared early in the evening, and gained in intensity for several hours until the whole sky was afire with rays of many colors: This is the first visit of the aurora borealis since March, 1918.

This electrical disturbance played havoc with the telegraph wires, and although the local office was closed during the evening, the service Tuesday morning was slowed down considerably, and many messages coming thru the Chicago office were several hours late.

## ANNUAL TOWNSHIP ELECTION APRIL 6

No Opposition. Present Officers to Run Again. John Rouse for Constable to Fill Vacancy

The annual township meeting and election of officers of Deerfield township will take place Tuesday, April 6th. The offices to be filled are:

One assistant supervisor, one assessor, one town clerk, one commissioner of highways, and one constable to fill a vacancy.

Only one ticket has been filed and that contains the names of the present officers with the exception of the office of constable which was left vacant by the death of Mr. Edwards. The following names appear: A. W. Vercoe, assistant supervisor; James Duffy, assessor; Albert Larson, town clerk; Ben Freiberg, commissioner of highways; John Rouse, constable.

The election will begin at seven o'clock and will close at 5 p. m. in the polling places designated as follows: First precinct, City Hall, Highland Park; second precinct, Deerfield Shields high school; third precinct, office of James Duffy, corner Central avenue and Sheridan road; fourth precinct, No. 47 S. St. Johns avenue; fifth precinct, Henry Edwards confectionery store, 506 Green Bay road; seventh precinct, Fire Station building, Central avenue and Green Bay road; eighth precinct, Lincoln school.

## YOUNG PEOPLE GIVE PLAYS SATURDAY

Mrs. Oakley's Telephone and Peace Maneuvers to be Given at Parish House. Benefit Affair

A sale of articles made by the boys and girls of the Presbyterian church and their friends will be held in the parish house Saturday evening of this week, March 27, from 7 to 10 p. m. A feature of the occasion will be two amusing short plays presented by some of the young people. The cast of characters is as follows: Mrs. Oakley's Telephone — Mrs. Oakley, Florence Boyd; Emma, Margaret Forgan; Mary, Gwendolyn Purdy; Constance, Azora Mitchell. Peace Maneuvers, Polly Watts, Azora Mitchell; Henry, M. Carqueville; Buck, Thomas Mann; Felsey, Stanley Shipness. The proceeds go to a scholarship for a mountain girl and to other benevolences. Tickets on sale at Schumacher's pharmacy.

## NEW CARS BOKEN COMING OF SPRING

Dame Spring, following her good old annual custom, dropped in Sunday for a three months' visit, and was welcomed by a general discarding of derbies and overcoats and a big increase in the sale of gasoline. Sunday was a balmy day and the streets were crowded with many new cars and old ones that came out to shake off the winter's dust. Wednesday an advance April shower washed everything clean and gave a slightly perceptible greenish tint to the grass.

## FORESTERS ELECTED OFFICERS THURSDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters was held in Witten hall last Thursday evening, and the following officers were elected:

Mrs. Agnes Duffy, C. R.  
Mrs. Margaret Erickson, V. C. R.  
Mrs. Minnie Dooley, Recording Secretary.  
Mrs. W. Cameron, Financial Secretary.  
Mrs. Nellie Sheahan, Treasurer.  
The installation of the officers elected will be held at a later date.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE BENEFIT DANCE

Easter Monday Dance, to be Given in High School. Stocco Orchestra Will Furnish the Music

On Easter Monday the Highland Park fire department will give a benefit dance in the high school gymnasium. Plans are well under way to make this one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season and it is hoped that they will receive hearty support.

The local department has secured the Stocco orchestra of the Remick music company, to furnish the music for the dance. This is the same orchestra which furnished the music for "You Tell 'Em" and it is quite certain that good music will be furnished that evening.

The dance is being given for the purpose of furnishing new equipment for the local department.

## DIES THIS MORNING AT AMERICAN HOSPITAL

A. A. Moses Passed Away Following Years Illness. Full Particulars Will Appear Next Week

Mr. Alfred A. Moses, for several years past proprietor of the Northwestern Department store, passed away this morning at three o'clock at the American hospital, Chicago, following an illness of a year. Further notice will appear in next week's issue of The Press.

At this time definite announcement cannot be made concerning the funeral. It will be held in Chicago but the time and place has not been decided by the family. In all probability it will be held Friday.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Beginning next Monday and ending on Good Friday there will be evening services each day in the Lecture room of the Presbyterian church. The following ministers will speak:

Monday: Rev. George Roberts, Jr., Lake Forest Presbyterian church. Pianist, Miss Bertha Harbaugh.

Tuesday: Rev. John M. Vander Meulen, D. D., First Presbyterian church, Oak Park. Harpist, Miss Ruth Bletsch.

Wednesday: Rev. Henry S. Brown, D. D., Superintendent Church Extension Board. Soloist, Miss Mary Kimball.

Thursday, Rev. M. Bross Thomas, D. D., Lake Forest College. Soloist, Miss Charlotte Yoe.

Friday: Rev. James G. K. McClure, D. D., L. L. D., President McCormick Theological seminary. Soloist, Mrs. Herbert R. Smith.

## HIGHWOOD INCLUDED IN BASEBALL LEAGUE

North Shore Towns Will Have Sunday Baseball Games During the Coming Summer

Highwood will be represented in the Suburban Baseball league, which was organized last week at the Winnetka community house. The other towns in the League are: Wilmette, Winnetka, Glencoe, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Deerfield, Shermerville, and Glen View.

No admission will be charged to any of these games, which are to be played Sundays during the summer. The idea of the League members is to have a good big league baseball without the element of professionalism. A committee has been appointed to arrange a schedule.