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AN OPEN LETTER ON THE TAX SITUATION

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Makes a Clear Statement of Facts After a Thorough Investigation. Schools Need Money

To the Editor:

The Board of Education of School District No. 107, (Elm Place School District), has asked me to look into the matter of the 30 per cent raise in the assessed valuation of Highland Park real estate ordered last fall by the Board of Review, and the effect upon the school's revenue for 1920, if that raise should be held invalid. The question has aroused much interest at this time because, as pointed out in last week's issue of The Press, Judge Welsh of the Circuit Court recently granted a temporary injunction, in the case of certain Waukegan real estate, restraining the collection of such part of the taxes levied thereon as was represented by the 30 per cent raise in the assessed valuation of lands and lots in Waukegan.

As the matter should be one of keen personal interest to every taxpayer in the school district, I venture to write this letter hoping that it may serve to clear up some of the confusion in which the subject is now involved.

Briefly, the facts are as follows:

The Board of Review passed a resolution early last September to raise, horizontally all assessments on lands and lots in Waukegan to the extent of 30 per cent of the assessor's valuation. About the same time, but pursuant to a different resolution, passed at a different session, the Board undertook to raise, horizontally, and to the same extent, all assessments on lands and lots in Lake Forest and Highland Park. A taxpayer in Waukegan brought a suit to restrain the collection of so much of the general taxes levied against certain Waukegan real estate owned by him as was due to the 30 per cent raise in the valuation of such real estate. In this suit, after an examination of the allegations contained in the bill of complaint, but without hearing any testimony and pending a full hearing to be had at the June term of the Circuit Court, Judge Welsh entered a temporary injunction in favor of the complaining property owner. The effect of this injunction is to prevent the collection of that part of the tax levied against the complainant's land in Waukegan which is based upon the Board of Review's 30 per cent raise. The injunction is merely temporary. When the case comes to a full hearing on testimony in June the court may hold that the 30 per cent raise was valid and may dissolve the injunction; or, it may hold that the raise was invalid, in which event the temporary injunction will be made permanent. It must be borne in mind, however, that the pending case in which the injunction was granted attacks only the regularity of the Board of Review's action in raising the valuation of Waukegan real estate. The raise in the valuation of Highland Park and Lake Forest real estate was not brought before the court, nor was it involved. (Continued on Page 2)

IRENE CASTLE IN "THE AMATEUR WIFE"

Friday, Marguerite Clark in "All of a Sudden Peggy." Saturday Wallace Reid in "Double Speed"

Pearl Theatre will present the following program next week:

Sunday, Olive Thomas in "Footlights and Shadows," by Bradley King, Fox Comedy; Monday, Owen Moore in "Sooner or Later," story by Lewis Allen Browne, Weekly News and Supreme comedy; Tuesday, Douglas McLean and Doris May in "Mary's Ankle," Weekly News and comedy; Wednesday, Taylor Holmes in "The Very Idea," from the phenomenally successful stage comedy by William Le Barren, Paramount magazine and Christie comedy; Thursday, Irene Castle in "The Amateur Wife," The Gumps and topic of the day, also a celebrated comedy; Friday, Marguerite Clark in "All of a Sudden Peggy," Burton Holmes and Mutt and Jeff; Saturday, Wallace Reid in "Double Speed," and a two reel Christie comedy. Matinee at 2:30.



FORMER HIGHLAND PARK GIRL KILLED BY STORM

MOTHER AND THREE HURT

Local Features of Sunday's Tornado; Butler Store in Wilmette is Wrecked by Sunday's Wind

The fortunes of several Highland Park people, and of others who formerly lived here were affected by the tornado which wrought such havoc in Chicago suburbs Sunday noon.

Elizabeth Laufenberger, 16 years old, 5655 North Menard avenue, Chicago, was found dead after the house had been blown over by the wind, and the mother, Mrs. Margaret Laufenberger, and three other children, are in a Chicago hospital suffering from injuries received during the storm.

Others Injured
Mrs. Laufenberger was badly burned when a stove full of coal fell on her when the house overturned. A two year old son, Vincent, was listed as killed in early reports, but was later discovered at the home of a neighbor, who had rescued the infant. The Laufenberger family formerly lived on Deerfield avenue in this city.

Funeral services for the daughter were held in Chicago Wednesday. Mrs. F. C. Evans, Skokie avenue, is a sister of Mrs. Laufenberger.
Dorsey Home Wrecked
In Evanston the home of Mr. Arthur E. Dorsey, West Central street, was smashed by the wind. Mr. Dorsey formerly lived here and operated a printing establishment, in the location now occupied by The Press office.

The shoe store in Wilmette owned by Mr. Harry Butler of this city was badly wrecked by the storm, and has been closed for repairs since Sunday. The front of the store, which is located in the Jones building, was smashed and part of the stock of shoes was scattered in the debris in Wilmette avenue. The damage to the buildings is estimated at a high figure, as the roof was completely wrecked.

Many people here have received word of relatives or friends in the stricken area who have been injured or whose property has been damaged by the tornado. Crowds from Highland Park went to Wilmette Sunday afternoon and Monday to see the effects of the storm.

ATHLETIC CLUB GIVES DANCE AT HIGH SCHOOL

The Highland Park Athletic club will give a benefit dance in the Deerfield-Shields high school gymnasium on Friday evening, April 16. This affair is a benefit, mainly for the purchasing of new equipment.

Through a misunderstanding between some persons, propaganda has been spread around Highland Park which has given many a misrepresentation of the facts concerning the objects of the formation of the club.

The primary object of the club is to foster, develop and promote athletics for all seasons of the year and to promote social intercourse among the members and to provide an accommodation for same. It is hoped that the citizens will realize that this club is formed for their benefit and that they will give the men their support in the undertaking of this dance.

CENSUS FIGURES GIVE HIGHLAND PARK 6,167

Chicago Papers "Go Wrong." Give Highland Park Population of 4,676; Lake Forest 6,167

According to yesterday's Chicago papers Lake Forest is larger than Highland Park, but don't let that worry you, because it isn't correct. They are "all wrong."

Every town, village and township in Lake County has made a decided gain. North Chicago with 5,239, against 3,206 in 1910, an increase of 58 per cent is first in percentage of growth.

Highland Park is second in growth, jumping from 4,209 ten years ago to 6,167 in the 1920 census, an increase of 47 per cent.

The following table shows the census for the most important towns:

Town	1910	1920	Pct. increase
Highland Park	4,209	6,167	47
Lake Forest	3,206	5,239	64
North Chicago	3,206	5,239	64
Waukegan	19,326	16,069	51
Zion City	5,472	4,789	18
Other villages, townships, etc.	31,410	23,336	35
Totals	72,490	55,058	32

The Chicago papers gave Highland Park 3,349 in 1910, which is incorrect, as the official census of 1910 gave us 4,209. In fact they gave us Lake Forest's population and gave Lake Forest our population and we "won't have it."

There are in reality over 7,000 living in Highland Park, but all the officers and soldiers and families from Fort Sheridan, and all employees at Fort Sheridan, residing in Highland Park, were counted in Fort Sheridan's population by the government.

In 1916 the city's census gave Highland Park, 6,931.

WOMAN'S CLUB PARTY INFORMAL AFFAIR

Saturday, April 17th, Date of Reception and Dance to be Held at H. S. Gymnasium

The Highland Park Woman's Club wishes to announce that the reception and dance to be given at the Highland Park high school on Saturday evening, April 17th, is NOT to be a formal dress affair. As the crowds go to grand opera or the theatre so they shall come here—in whatever they choose to wear. At the opera a woman with the loveliest creation for a gown sits beside a woman wearing severely tailored shirtwaist and skirt and both enjoy the music in equal degree. So those who feel they are not properly dressed after 6 p. m. unless they are in evening clothes will surely lend color and atmosphere to the gaily decorated room while the feet of the men and women in their simplest Sunday best will move as spiritedly to the strains of Harvey's orchestra with no less grace, and the "grand surprise" of the evening will make each and every one entirely unself-conscious.

NEW MILLINERY SHOP FOR HIGHLAND PARK

At this time of the year all women are greatly interested in spring millinery. For several years Highland Park has been the possessor of only one millinery shop, however one glance at Purdy's hardware store will assure the public that Miss Ernst has a competitor.

BURIED FRIDAY IN WALDHEIM CEMETERY

MASONS ATTEND SERVICES

A. A. Moses, Prominent Highland Park Merchant, Died at American Hospital Last Thursday

Thursday last, March 25, word came that Alfred Moses, a life long resident of Highland Park and a many years a prominent merchant, had died that same morning at 3 o'clock, at the American hospital in Chicago.

The news was a shock to his many friends here, and yet it did not come as a surprise, for he had been ill for a year and for some weeks past it was known that there was small hope for his recovery.

The funeral was held on Friday, March 26, at 2 o'clock from the mortuary chapel at 912 West Madison street, and was conducted by the A. O. Fay Lodge and the Rev. Dr. Levy; interment was at Waldheim cemetery.

Alfred A. Moses was born in Chicago December 25, 1867, and was brought to Highland Park by his parents when he was six weeks old and has lived here ever since. He was educated in the local schools and grew up in Highland Park, known and respected by the entire community. Upon the death of his father, Mr. Moses Moses, in 1911, he succeeded him as proprietor of the Northwestern department store and increased the business which his father had built up by his honesty and fair dealing.

June 10, 1900, he married Miss Jennie Westerfeld who survives him, and three sons were born to them, Stanley, Sylvan and Melville. Stanley died in October, 1918, the other sons remaining to carry on the family traditions.

Mr. Moses has served the community as alderman from his ward, in 1914, and as justice of the peace, and he always stood for what was best and highest in our civic life as he likewise did in private life. He was a member of A. O. Fay lodge No. 676, of the Elks and of the Highland Park Business Men's association, in all of which organizations he will be greatly missed and long remembered.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tomorrow evening at eight o'clock the Rev. G. K. McClure, D. D., L. L. D., will speak at the lecture room of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Herbert R. Smith will sing a selection from Handel's "Messiah." "He was despised."

Tonight at the same hour Dr. Thomas of Lake Forest college will speak. Miss Charlotte Yoe will sing "Abide with Me" and "There is a green hill far away."

CARRIES ON DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

Highland Park Council No. 1066 Royal Arcanum is carrying on a drive for new members. The membership is so rapidly increasing that it has become necessary to order an extra supply of blanks. Mr. James H. Duffy is regent and Mr. William Grant is secretary. All of the officers are putting forth every effort to enlarge the membership.

PLANS SUBMITTED FOR A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING IN DISTRICT 107

TO HOUSE KINDERGARTEN AND THREE LOWER GRADES

The District Has Two Available Sites. One North of Elm Place Property Across Ravine and One On Green Bay Rd. North of Elm Place

A recent issue of The Press contained a copy of a letter sent out by the Board of Education of District 107 to every home in the district setting forth certain unavoidable financial difficulties which confronted the Board. As a remedy for these the Board proposed a voluntary assessment on the part of the taxpayers sufficiently large to cover the deficit which the close of the school year will bring with it. At a dinner given at the Elm Place annex attended by fifty school patrons representing every portion of the district a campaign for raising funds was projected. The campaign soon brought out differences of opinion as to the method of meeting the deficit. There seemed to be unanimity of support of the plan of maintaining the school at its present high standard without curtailing a single activity and the proposal to increase the salaries of the teachers and to endeavor to add to the staff a sufficient number of teachers to relieve certain crowded rooms was strongly endorsed, but many active supporters of the schools deprecated the resort to public subscription to meet expenses the entire taxpaying body should meet. It was held that legislation will surely be forthcoming which will provide for meeting deficits of this kind through the regular channels of taxation. As a result of several conferences the plan of relying upon the last named action prevailed and the campaign for subscriptions was given up. On the other hand a formal petition signed by more than one hundred representative citizens was presented to the Board of Education requesting that body to carry out all necessary measures for bringing the schools up to a high standard and pledging their support in meeting whatever difficulties the future may present.

The Board has already begun to

shape its policy in accordance with what it believes to be the wish of the best friends of the schools. Each of the teaching staff has been given a generous increase of salary and a beginning has been made in plans for providing for increased school facilities. The Board reports that at least five additional teachers are needed at the present time to relieve crowded rooms. It seems that an additional building is the only alternative to crowded rooms. A committee of the Board has authorized Architect Raymond E. Flinn to make tentative sketches for a primary building of six rooms. These are published in this issue for the purpose of engaging the attention of the voters of the district. It will be seen that the proposed building includes important features of the Elm Place Annex. It is of the one-story type with overhead lighting. There is a terrace with a kindergarten room opening upon it. The latter room is flanked on either side by two class rooms and the corridors separating it from them lead to the office and lavatories. The building is planned to house grades one, two and three with a kindergarten.

The question of the location of this building and of the bond issue to make its erection possible must, according to law, be brought before the voters at an election called for that purpose. The district has two available sites. One is the north side of the Elm Place property across the ravine. The other site is on Green Bay Road north of Elm street where ample playground facilities are available. It is probable that the Board of Education will try to obtain a referendum vote as to choice of location before finally submitting the bond issue and site for formal approval.

The floor plans will be shown in next week's issue of The Press.

VESPER SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Musical Program to be Rendered at Service Next Sunday Afternoon at Four Thirty

The following program will be offered at the vesper service at the Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon at four thirty o'clock:

- Prelude
- Mr. Isaac Van Grove
- Alleluia (17th Century)
- Andante
- Mr. Louis Kreidler
- Mr. Anton Brueckner
- Melody
- Mr. Isaac Van Grove
- Violin Solo
- Mr. George R. Jones
- Dance of the Dwarfs
- Mr. Isaac Van Grove
- Larghetto
- Mr. Anton Brueckner
- "The Redeemer Liveth"
- Mr. Louis Kreidler
- Obligato for Violin and Cello
- Postlude
- Mr. Isaac Van Grove

GEORGE W. MURRAY TO SPEAK IN GLENCOE

Ex-Congressman to Give Talk in Grammar School, Tuesday, April 6, Good Singing

Both white and colored on the north shore are invited to the Auditorium of the public school of Glencoe, Ill., Tuesday, April 6, at 7:50 p. m., to hear Ex-Congressman Geo. W. Murray speak. He was the last negro congressman, and is the great solutionist of the race problem. He is acknowledged as being one of the most profound, powerful and convincing speakers of the age. Expert jubilee singers will render the folk songs. An admission fee will be charged. Rev. A. Moore is chairman of the committee.

\$150,000 TO AID MELROSE PARK TORNADO VICTIMS

Telegram From C. J. Wolf, Mayor of Maywood, Asks Aid From Highland Park

The following telegram was received Tuesday morning by Mayor Hastings from C. J. Wolf, mayor of Maywood, Ill., and chairman of the West Suburban Relief committee, Melrose Park, Ill.:

Mayor, Highland Park, Ill.
One hundred and fifty families lost their homes and personal effects in tornado. All are poor working people. This community of moderate means is struggling to raise one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to relieve suffering. Financial assistance from your city will be appreciated.

C. J. WOLF,
Mayor and Chairman West Suburban Tornado Relief Committee, Melrose Park, Ill.

Subscriptions to this fund will be received at the city hall. Realizing what these people have gone through it is hoped that many will donate toward this noble cause.

GOOD TIME PROMISED AT FIREMEN'S DANCE

All Are Prepared to Make This Affair One of the Best of the Year

Everything is in readiness for the big dance to be given Easter Monday by the Highland Park fire department. The affair will be given in the high school gymnasium. The men have planned to make this an enjoyable event, and they hope to receive the cordial support of the people of Highland Park. The orchestra that furnished music for "You Tell 'Em" will be here for the occasion. Proceeds will be used for buying new equipment for the department.