

1920 TAX INCREASE INVALID BRUNDAGE

STATUTE WOULD BE ENFORCED

Attorney General in Letter to State's Attorney Smith Explains the Tax Situation

EDITOR'S NOTE: In connection with the above, the editor suggests that the public read Mr. Gail's letter in the last column of this page.

State's Attorney A. V. Smith has received the following letter from Attorney General Edward J. Brundage of the State of Illinois, in which the latter explains the tax situation.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Law Department
Springfield

Edward J. Brundage, Atty. General.
January 4, 1920

TAXATION:
Board of Review has no power to increase assessment of property, except as provided by statute.

Hon. A. V. Smith,
State's Attorney.

Dear Sir:
I am in receipt of your favor of the 31st ult. and note statement of facts in substance, that the board of review in your county, Lake, adopted a blanket resolution increasing the assessed value of lands in the city of Highland Park, as assessed by the local assessor in 1919, thirty per cent, without a notice having been given the land owners, in compliance with paragraph 329 of the Revenue act, chapter 120, Hurd's Statutes 1917.

You say too in substance that the county clerk, in extending taxes against the lands and lots in said city, in 1920 extended same on such increased assessment made by the board of review in 1919. You refer to an opinion rendered by the Supreme Court at the past December term, in the case of People ex rel v. Vail, et al, in which the court in effect holds the action of the board of review in increasing the assessed value of the lands and lots in said city was invalid, for the reason that said board failed to give proper notice to the property owners, in compliance with the provisions of said paragraph 329.

Your inquiry is whether the county clerk in extending taxes in 1920 for

(Continued on Page 10)

COUNTESS WILLAMOWITZ ADDRESSES H. P. W. CLUB

Orpheus Schantz Gives Interesting Talk on "Birds" at Open Meeting Tuesday

The Highland Park Woman's club held its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon. This was an open meeting and brought out a splendid attendance. Mr. Orpheus Schantz, president of the Illinois Audubon society, gave a most delightful and interesting illustrated lecture on "Bird Migration and Bird Conservation" and every one who had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Schantz will now be interested in the annual bird house exhibit at Marshall Field's, March 14 to 19 inclusive.

Countess Willamowitz of Stockholm, Sweden, who has been engaged in relief work among the children of Central Europe, spoke of some of the things witnessed there. To any who may have only vaguely thought of conditions in these war-stricken areas, her remarks crystallized them as actualities, and left the conviction with all that the need of help was great and immediate.

Miss Harvey Brewer played some charming violin solos, accompanied by Miss Pratt at the piano.

Interesting reports of the Legislative Forum held in the gold ball room of the Congress hotel Feb. 24 and 25 were given by Mrs. C. A. Winston and Mrs. L. R. Rigdon.

After the program the meeting adjourned for refreshments with the officers of the club as hostesses in charge of Mrs. George A. Hutchinson.

ATHLETIC CLUB GIVES MASQUE BALL MAR. 17

The Highland Park Athletic club will give a masquerade ball St. Patrick's night (March 17) in Athletic hall. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. The public is invited to attend.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE AT ELM PLACE TONIGHT

Col. James Barnes Will Speak on "Across Central Africa From Coast to Coast"

This evening (Thursday, Feb. 26) in the Elm Place auditorium, Col. James Barnes will give an illustrated lecture on "Across Central Africa." Col. Barnes followed the route of Henry M. Stanley with the most improved apparatus for motion picture photography, securing intimate pictures of the animal life of the country, as well as views of the Congo and its habitants, even in the more remote regions. Col. Barnes was in charge of the photography department of the U. S. Air Service in France during the war, and is noted as war correspondent, explorer and historian. A critical observer from Chicago who saw the films recently in New York City, states his belief that no finer pictures of wild life in the open have ever been made. By special arrangement with the Geographical society of Chicago, Elm Place was able to secure one of the four dates allotted by Col. Barnes to Chicago. Admission by ticket.

PLAYS AT LINCOLN SCHOOL BIG SUCCESS

Much Credit Due Miss Ewing for Securing This Talent for P. T. A. Last Friday Evening

Last Friday evening, Feb. 25, two well chosen plays under the able direction of Mr. Oliver Hinsdell, were presented at the Lincoln school. The actors were from Chicago.

The first play, "His Debt," lasted only half an hour, but portrayed impressively a beautiful change in heart in a peasant man and wife who were conspiring to rob a friend. Into the composition, the author had artistically woven the fine old legend of Judas Iscariot's yearly visit to this earth on Christmas Eve.

The interlude between plays was brilliantly achieved by violin and piano music. The violinist was Mr. Karlton Kaumeyer and his accompanist, Miss Eloise Bedlan. They played "Spanish Dance," "The Love Nest" from "Mary" and "A Russian Cradle Song."

The second play, "A Cure for Insanity," was a cheery and satirical little comedy. Psycho-analysis carried to laughable absurdity was the motif.

The occasion was a scheduled meeting of the Parent-Teacher association of the Lincoln school; this particular dramatic program was proposed and largely carried out by Miss Ruth Ewing a zealous member of the society. It is no small achievement to have managed a successful sale of tickets, dressed up a stage properly and rounded up a band of out-of-town players.

Other ladies of the association gladly assisted Miss Ewing and it is to her and them that the ever-ready co-operation of Mr. Wright, the principal of the school, that the community is admittedly indebted.

NEXT COMMUNITY MUSICALE MAR. 11

Miss Carol Robinson, Pianist, to Appear at Community Center Next Week Friday

At the next Community musicale which is to be held at the Center Friday evening, March 11, the audience will have the pleasure of hearing Miss Carol Robinson, pianist, who recently appeared as soloist with the Chicago Symphony orchestra.

Miss Robinson was born in southern Illinois, and has been educated exclusively in this state. Except for her first piano lessons with her mother, she has received her entire training from Mrs. Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler. Her theoretical studies have been pursued under Adolph Weidig, Carl Beecher and Thornald Atterstrom.

Several years ago she won first place in the middle western piano contest of the National Federation of Musical Clubs. In the last competition of the same organization she took the first prize for the best songs submitted by a woman composer.

Miss Robinson is at present living in Highland Park.

The entire program for this concert will be given in next week's Press. There are to be two musicales at the Center this month.

BUSINESS MEN TO EXPLAIN THE H. C. L.

CLUBS ARE INVESTIGATING

Committee of Merchants Association Investigating the Work of the Women's Club

Charles B. Scott, general manager of the Bureau of Safety of Chicago, gave an interesting address on the promotion of safety in the public utilities, at the regular meeting of the Highland Park Business Men's association, held Wednesday evening in Witten's hall. Mr. Scott explained the work of his company. He asserted that a year after the Bureau of Safety had instituted its service in the Chicago electric system, the number of accidents and lives lost on that railway was decreased about fifty per cent.

The association was read a letter from Mrs. O. L. Olesen, chairman of the Civic committee of the Highland Park Woman's club. The letter stated that the Woman's club, acting with other clubs in this city, was investigating the cause of the present high cost of commodities in Highland Park, and the high cost of delivery service. It asked that the Business Men's association aid in this investigation. Accordingly representatives of each of the main lines of business in the city were appointed to meet with a committee from the women's clubs, and explain the costs in their respective lines. This meeting will probably be held March 15.

The association passed a resolution raising the monthly dues from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

RAILWAY WILL HAVE NEW TICKET OFFICE

Until Then Tickets Will Be Sold in Temporary Office in Western Union Building

The local ticket office of the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee railway will remain temporarily in the Western Union room, it was declared yesterday by officers of the railway. The company will later open a permanent office in Highland Park, it was said. The location of the new office will be announced later.

MANY WANTED NUMBER "348" LICENSE TAG

Dr. Frank M. Ingalls is the Lucky Man; Had to Be Granted in Order

There was quite a scramble for the coveted number, "348," Tuesday when the new city vehicle license plates arrived, and the city authorities started to distribute them. Those who requested the number were informed that it could not be granted out of order, but must wait its turn. Dr. F. M. Ingalls was the lucky man. He was given "348."

NEW GROCERY WILL OPEN HERE TODAY

Peter Georgousses of Evanston Starts Store in St. Johns Avenue

The Highland Park grocery will open today in the room at 7 St. Johns avenue, formerly occupied by the local ticket office of the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee railway. The new concern will handle a complete line of groceries. Peter Georgousses of Evanston is the proprietor. He has been operating a similar store in Evanston for some time.

MARCH 15 DATE OF FORESTERS' MEETING

Monster Group Meeting in Witten Hall Promises to be a Big Affair

A monster group meeting will be held in Witten hall Tuesday evening, March 15, under the auspices of the Catholic Order of Foresters of North-ern Illinois. There will be a good program, speaking and refreshments given. The committee in charge of the affair consist of John P. Hickey, James Deering and J. J. Berube.

306 ATTEND MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS DINNER

HELD SATURDAY EVENING

Mrs. Frank Pitt Acted as Toastmistress at High School. Miss Hypes Sang at the Affair

Highland Park's Mothers and Daughters dinner which was held Saturday evening, Feb. 26, was equally as much of a triumph. Three hundred and six were present. The banquet was given in the lunch room where the tables were decorated with red candles and red, white and blue set cups.

The dinner was a very much enjoyed and after the delicious dinner was over an excellent program was given. The toastmistress, Mrs. Frank Pitt, gave a short speech. Miss Hypes, accompanied by her mother, sang several songs which called forth unusual applause.

Joy Tibbets, representing the sophomore class, spoke on "Washington, the Boy;" Virginia Newcomb, representing the Senior class, spoke on "Washington, the Man;" Margaret Day spoke for the Junior class on "School Spirit," and Elizabeth Jaeger, the Freshman representative, spoke on "What We Owe to our Mothers." The program closed by a few more songs by Miss Hypes and the guests adjourned to the boys' gymnasium. Here the pupils gave exhibitions in Swedish exercises, vaulting and marching. Between games a folk dance was given. The program ended with a very delightful solo dance by Helen de Anguera.

OSSOLI TO CELEBRATE ITS 27TH ANNIVERSARY

Musical Program to be Given by Emma Patton Hoyd Next Tuesday Afternoon

The Ossoli club will celebrate its twenty-seventh anniversary next Tuesday afternoon. There will be a musical program rendered by Emma Patton Hoyd accompanied by Miss Priscilla Carver at the piano.

Miss Hoyd has a wonderful voice and Ossoli has been very fortunate in being able to secure her for this occasion. She has appeared in Highland Park a number of times and those who have heard her will be interested in hearing her again.

The hostess of the afternoon will be the President and the Board of Directors. The program is in charge of one of Ossoli's past presidents. This will not be a guest day, only members of the club being invited to attend.

CHARLES RAY IN "NINE- TEEN AND PHYLLIS"

To Be Shown Wednesday and Thursday of Next Week. Monday, "Wing Toy"

The following movies will be shown at Pearl Theatre next week:

Tonight, "Billions" from the French drama by Jeanne-Jose Frappa; Friday, "Love, Honor and Behave;" Saturday, "Play Things of Broadway;" Sunday, "The Sacred Flame;" Monday, "Wing Toy;" "The Son of Tarzan;" Tuesday and Wednesday, Charles Ray in "Nineteen and Phyllis;" Thursday, "The Mountain Woman;" from the story, "A Pagan of the Hills," by Charles Neville Buck; Friday, Max Linder in "Seven Years Bad Luck;" Saturday, William Rogers in "Boys Will be Boys." Matinee at 2:30 Saturday.

N. A. U. EUCHRE PARTY TOMORROW EVENING

Tomorrow evening, March 4, Highland Affiliated Council North American Union will hold a euchre party in Witten hall. Tickets may be procured from any of the members. The public is invited to attend.

MYSTIC WORKERS GIVE CARD PARTY MARCH 11

The Mystic Workers of the World will give a card party Friday evening, March 11, in Masonic hall. Refreshments will be served. A small admission fee will be charged.

COUNTESS WILLAMOWITZ TO SPEAK MARCH 12

Highland Park to Again Hear Interesting Speaker at the Presbyterian Church

Highland Park will again have the privilege of hearing the Countess Willamowitz of Stockholm, Sweden, who appears at the Highland Park Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, March 12, at 8 o'clock.

Countess Willamowitz spoke before the Highland Park Woman's club on Tuesday and will speak again on Thursday.

She has spent the greater part of her time and energy for the past five years in helping the suffering children of Europe, and just now is establishing a system of day nurseries for children between the ages of three and seven.

GIVE MUSICAL PROGRAM AT REGULAR MEETING

Eastern Star Members Enjoy Delightful Entertainment Last Evening

The regular meeting of Campbell Chapter No. 712 O. E. S. was held last evening. Following the business meeting a short program was given, the entertainment committee in charge. A duet was played by Muriel and Pauline White of Glencoe, followed by two selections "The Kerry Dance" and "Because" sung by Mrs. Virgil C. Musser accompanied at the piano by Mrs. W. J. Brown. Little Lois Larson very cleverly danced Anita's dance, Miss Salome Brand playing for her. Mrs. H. C. Breidert and Miss Charlotte Brand favored the chapter with 2 selections, "Tannhauser March" and "Walse from Faust," followed by Il Trovatore by Pauline White. Dudley Edwards in his usual clever manner sang two songs "Maidie" and "The Pretty Creature" accompanied by Miss Brand. This program was so greatly appreciated by the members that it is hoped that a similar one will be given in the near future.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO MEET MARCH 17

To Hold All Day Meeting at Presbyterian Church. Will Sew for Local Hospital

The next all day sewing meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Highland Park hospital will be held on Wednesday, March 16, at 10:30 in the Presbyterian church. There is still a large amount of work to be done for the hospital and the chairman of the sewing committee is anxious to finish what is already started before undertaking the layettes which will be given when necessary to patients occupying the free bed for maternity cases which the auxiliary supports.

It is hoped that a large percentage of the members will find it possible to be present at this meeting. They are requested to bring their own luncheon and coffee will be served. The last meeting on Feb. 16 was well attended and a number of curtains and dish towels were finished and taken to the hospital. The girl scouts are also helping with the sewing and they have taken the tray covers and napkins to cross stitch. Their assistance is much appreciated.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE TO BE AT HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday evening, March 17, St. Patrick's day, the Highland Park fire department will give a dance in the high school gymnasium. This is an annual affair given for the purpose of purchasing new equipment for the department. Tickets are now on sale and everyone should make an effort to attend.

BOARD HAS NOT YET RECALLED ACTION

PROTESTERS AGAIN RAISED

A Jockey Against S. Gail Explains Illegal Increase in Taxes Made by the Board of Review

EDITOR'S NOTE: In connection with the above, the editor suggests that the public read Mr. Gail's letter in the last column of this page.

The Board of Review communication has been received by Attorney Ernest S. Gail of Highland Park concerning the increase in taxation which the Board of Review of Lake county is attempting to enforce.

Gentlemen:
Pursuant to conversation over the phone relative to an error in your article of February 10th, relative to taxes in which you state:

"The Board of Review this year validated their action of last year, putting the 30% increase into effect, so the objectors will not be able to escape payment this year" as a matter of fact, the Board did not take any action or attempt to validate its invalid and illegal increase of 30% made in 1919 in the valuation in Highland Park property involved in the case of People vs. Vail, and no record appears of such action or attempted action. Neither did the Board of Review attempt to validate its illegal action in any place in the county except Waukegan.

There has been current in the city a great deal of mis-information which undoubtedly has misled a great number of people. Therefore at this time it is very fitting that a clear statement be had of the whole tax situation.

By the decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois, it was decided that the horizontal raise of 30% in Highland Park, Lake Forest and certain townships in the county was illegal, invalid and void. The 30% horizontal raise meant in 1919 an average of 18% in the actual taxes paid. The

(Continued on Page 10)

NEW LICENSE TAGS ARE AT CITY HALL

URGE ALL TO GET THEM

Rebate Is Being Paid On Unexpired Portion of Term of the Present Vehicle License

The new Highland Park city license tags for vehicles arrived Tuesday, and over 100 have already been issued. The numbers are arranged as follows: from 1 to 30, trucks; 50 to 75, motorcycles; 100 to 200, light delivery cars; 200 to 300, pleasure cars over 35 horse power; and 300 to 700 pleasure cars less than 35 horse power.

The city authorities are suggesting that everyone owning a vehicle in this city provide himself with one of the new tags. Tags may be secured by paying the 1921 license fee. Although the present licenses do not expire until April 30, it is urged that new ones be secured immediately. A rebate will be paid for the unexpired term.

The action of the city in providing the new license is merely aimed for the convenience of the local motorists. Highland Park vehicles bearing the city license plate will not be molested by the Chicago police authorities. Cars without any city license plate are being stopped daily in Chicago, and their drivers are handed written instructions to appear in court. One Highland Park woman was saved a trip to a Chicago court Monday, only through the effort of the local authorities.

L. O. O. M. TO HOLD EASTER DANCE

A dance will be given on Easter Monday, March 28, in Witten hall, under the auspices of Highland Park lodge No. 446, Loyal Order of Moose. Refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited to be present.