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ATTORNEYS OPPOSE \$1,000,000 ISSUE DECLARE IT IS ILLEGAL

Highland Park Tax Payers Start Suit Against Col- lection of Bond Issue Taxes

The legality of Lake County's million dollar road bond issue is attacked in a fight being waged in the circuit court at Waukegan by Highland Park men who are asking Circuit Judge C. C. Edwards to enjoin Roy W. Bracher, county treasurer, from collecting more than seventy per cent of the Highland Park taxes.

Attorneys Ernest S. Gail assisted by W. Schumacher of Highland Park representing objectors, recently won a partial fight in circuit court when he secured a ruling which permits the objectors to pay but seventy-eight per cent of their taxes on the ground that a thirty per cent horizontal increase in values by the Lake County board of review was invalid.

The objectors are now after a further reduction, thirty per cent in all, by seeking to prove that the \$1,000,000 road bond issue is invalid. They also seek to prove that a \$23,100 appropriation by the North Shore sanitary district to permit the sinking of deep wells is illegal.

Attorney Gail argues that the bond issue is invalid for two reasons. First, because the board of supervisors was not properly constituted at the time they passed the resolution for the bond issue. Second, that although no bonds have been sold, or any other form of indebtedness incurred, the county in 1919 levied a tax of \$100,000-\$50,000 to apply on the principal and \$50,000 for interest. He contends that there could be no interest because the bonds have not yet been issued. It is the collection of a similar tax for 1920 that is being objected to. Another point in the objectors' argument is that, although the money was to be raised for state aid roads, in the construction of which the state was to pay 50 per cent, the county levied the whole \$1,000,000, or 100 per cent. The amount levied should have been \$500,000.

The case will be continued next Monday.

AMERICANIZATION ON NORTH SHORE LINE

Over Fifty Track Laborers Take Out Final Citizenship Pa- pers This Week

More than fifty men employed on the North Shore line as track laborers will take out their naturalization papers and become American citizens this week.

J. S. Hyatt, maintenance of way engineer of the North Shore line recently started a night school to teach men of foreign birth to read and write the English language. Night classes are being conducted at Racine, Waukegan and Highland and the men are being taught something of our American system of government. All employees who are not citizens are being urged to become naturalized.

Arrangements have been made by Mr. Hyatt to have the judges in Racine and Kenosha counties, Wisconsin and Lake county, Illinois, keep their courts open Thursday night to make Americans of his track laborers and construction gangs. Mr. Hyatt says it was surprising to him to find that a great many men had taken out their first papers some years ago and had never applied for full citizenship because no one took enough interest in them to ask them. Most of the men expressed an eagerness to become full-fledged citizens when the advantages of citizenship were explained to them.

FREE LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist of Highland Park, Ill., announces a free lecture on Christian Science by Frank H. Leonard, C. S. B., member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., to be held Friday evening, May 27th at eight o'clock in the Church Edifice, on Hazel avenue. The public is cordially invited to attend.

HIGHWOOD P. T. A. GIVE BENEFIT DANCE

The Parent-Teacher Association of Highwood announces a dance to be given Friday evening (tomorrow) at the Oak Terrace school. The proceeds of this affair will be used to buy some much needed equipment. An enjoyable time is promised to all.

TO OPEN COLORED SOCIAL CENTER HERE

To Be Located in Rear of Com- munity Center. Thomas S. Young to be in Charge

A much-needed Social Center for the colored help of Highland Park will open its doors for enrollment of members (both men and women), not later than June first, in the building at the rear of the Community Center.

The primary object of the organization is to establish a central club or meeting place where the colored citizens of this locality can extend their acquaintance and be privileged to enjoy games, dancing, good reading and music, and social enterprises of various kinds.

A practical educational feature contemplated by the club will be a series of instructive talks on various subjects pertaining to domestic work conducted in the House, Garden, and Garage, calculated to be of real value to the workers as well as to the people who employ them. Various timely topics will be introduced and discussed in a way that is bound to be helpful in better equipping our workers, thereby giving more efficient service to those for whom they work. This plan would seem to combine in a pleasant and profitable way a unique "school of instruction" together with the social and recreational life so refreshing to all people.

An appeal is made to all our well-wishers to help launch this undertaking which will undoubtedly be self-supporting when once well established. Donations of money or household furnishings will be appreciated and gratefully received.

The organization will be known as the Inspiration Social Club and will be under the management of Ex-Quartermaster Sergeant Thomas S. Young, who, ever since his honorable discharge from the army fifteen years ago, has lived in Highland Park and for fourteen years in the home of Judge William G. Ewing.

Thanking you in advance for any assistance in this constructive work. Very respectfully,
The Inspiration Social Club

POSTMASTER DOOLEY TO STAY IN OFFICE

President Harding Issues Pro- clamation Maintaining Post- office Under Civil Service

According to information contained in a dispatch from Washington Postmaster William M. Dooley of the Highland Park post office and postmasters all over the country will not be thrown out of their positions on account of the change in administration. A proclamation has been issued by President Harding to that effect. The postoffice department should be maintained under civil service, and should not be affected by politics.

In 1914 President Wilson issued a proclamation which placed all postmasters under civil service. He provided that in case of death or resignation of a postmaster his place should be filled by a competitive examination, the position going to the candidate highest on the list.

The new proclamation by President Harding is identical in content with that issued by President Wilson with the exception that it provides that in case of death or resignation the position shall be filled by examination, the successful candidate being selected from among the three highest candidates. This permits selecting a man who possesses executive ability.

In addition to making the proclamation President Harding announced that he would urge Congress to pass a law placing the post office department under civil service permanently rather than leaving it to each succeeding president to make a proclamation.

"JACK-I-THE-GREEN" TO BE TOMORROW NIGHT

The annual Y. W. C. A. pageant will be given Friday evening, May 20, at the Elm Place auditorium at 8 p. m.

The English pastoral outdoor pageant of Jack-I-The-Green has been chosen this year and is being worked up to a very pretty finish.

The pageants mark the closing of the dancing school that is one of the most worth while pieces of junior work undertaken by the Y. W. C. A. and is an opportunity for the children at least to demonstrate their dances, the attractive costuming, the pretty girls and the winsome little folks combined with the music and the artistic touch given by Mrs. John Scott, Jr., insure to all a most enjoyable evening. None can afford to miss seeing these little people.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZA- TIONS BUY BUILDING

A. W. FLETCHER PROPERTY Community Shop and Center Close Deal on Property on Central Avenue Oc- cupied by Them

A committee on which there were representatives of both the Community Shop and Community Center has just announced the purchase of the property on Central Avenue owned by Mr. A. W. Fletcher and occupied by these two organizations. It consists of a lot seventy-five feet on Central Avenue with two shops below and flats above. It is to be used for Community purposes.

Among the members of the committee in charge of arranging this transaction was Mrs. Noble Crandall, chairman, Mrs. Frederick Boynton, Mrs. W. J. Grundy, Mr. George Allen Mason, Mr. Frank Cheney.

There is considerable history connected with this property, which Mr. Fletcher purchased in 1886. The building in which the center is now located was built in 1890 and the first occupant of it was the Gray Electric Co. The Erskine Bank, a display room for the North Shore Gas Co., Rosebow Grocery, a restaurant, a movie theatre and various other stores have occupied this west half of the building. The building occupied by the Community shop for eleven years or from the time of its completion was the home of the Post Office, until it removed to the Bock building about three years ago.

Highland Park has long felt the need of a community house and the purchase of this building means much to the community. The splendid work carried on by them cannot be given too much praise. This is Highland Park's community house and all should make use of it and support it.

This property which has seventy-five foot frontage is one of the best in Highland Park for business purposes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BUSY MONTH

Responds to Ten Calls. Answers Three Calls Sunday Afternoon

Although the month of May is but half gone the local fire department has been kept very busy. Since the first of May they have answered ten calls, namely: three houses, one store, one flat, four woods fires and one chicken house in which one life was lost—a chicken.

Sunday, in the course of five hours the department responded to three calls. At one o'clock the Norenberg residence on South Second street, caught fire from the chimney. The damage was very small, only a small hole being burned in the roof. At 6:30 the department answered a call to a woods fire on S. Sheridan road, and at the Highland Park hospital where two new chicken coops and the fence were destroyed. The chicken coop fire was of unknown origin and the buildings were completely burned before the department was notified.

A small blaze at the home of John Rouse, in the Goldberg building at the corner of Second Street and Central avenue, destroyed a davenport and several other articles of furniture Monday evening. It was extinguished by Mrs. Rouse with the aid of neighbors within a few minutes. The fire department was called, and responded quickly.

TOO MANY CHANGES PROPHET RESIGNS

Frequent Antics of Thermom- eter Have Confused Vet- eran Forecaster

F. B. Green, who for the past fifteen years has served the community as official barometer and weather prophet, announces that he has decided to resign that position. He is able to handle the ordinary elementary changes in weather, but the recent complicated changes have discouraged the veteran forecaster. He is now patiently waiting for the first straw hat to appear on the streets of Highland Park before he dons his winter lid, and bares his head to the summer sunbeams.

ELKS MET FRIDAY; MANY APPLICATIONS

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Elks lodge was held last Friday evening with good attendance. A large number of applications for membership were received.

WHITE SHRINE TO INSTALL OFFICERS

AND INSTITUTE LODGE

Installation Ceremonies to be Held Monday, May 23, in O'Neill Hall, Lake Forest

The institution and installation of officers of Emmanuel Shrine, White Shrine of Jerusalem, held at Lake Forest will take place Monday evening, at eight o'clock in O'Neill hall. The installing officers will be, Mrs. Clara Coe Hannan, supreme worthy scribe; installing herald, Mrs. Ida Ward, Past worthy high priestess; installing chaplain, Miss Eylla E. Eldridge; installing scribe, Miss Elizabeth Lenth, installing organist, Mrs. Theresa McDowell. The officers to be installed will be Mrs. Catherine A. Levin, W. H. P.; Mr. George Greene, W. S.; Mrs. Jennie Chantry, N. P.; Mrs. Jennie M. S. Breidert, W. S.; Mrs. Lulu Plimmer, W. T.; Mrs. Minnie Dillenbeck, W. C.; Mrs. Emma Brown, W. Shep; Mrs. Bessie Veselsky, W. G.; Mrs. Anna Bricknell, W. H.; Mr. Andrew Yowell, 1st wise man; Mr. Thos. Plimmer 2nd W. M. Mr. James Cain, 3rd W. M. Mrs. Frances Larson 1st H. M.; Mrs. Ethel Panowski, 2nd H. M.; Miss Mable Griggs, 3rd H. M. Mr. John B. King, K.; Miss Ida Knaak, Q.; Mrs. Frances Strenger, Organist; Mrs. Emma Nicholas, W. G. Mrs. Cora Aynsley, W. Guard.

RESIGNS AS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY CENTER

Leon Harris Leaves Center. Is Succeeded by Mr. McDon- ald of C. S. Staff

Mr. Leon Harris who served as director of the War Camp Community service in Highland Park and of the Community service since the close of the war, has recently resigned from that position.

His place is to be taken by Mr. McDonald, a member of the National Executive staff of Community Service, Inc. During the war he was an officer in the first officers' training camp and afterwards remaining for a time as instructor there.

Though extending a hearty welcome to Mr. McDonald the Community service of Highland Park deeply regrets the retirement of Mr. Harris from active work in this organization and a resolution to that effect with one of appreciation of his long and valuable service was passed unanimously when his resignation was accepted.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris will continue to reside in Highland Park, having within the last month purchased a home here.

W. C. T. U. MEETING IN LAKE FOREST

Highland Park Members Attend Session Today; State Presi- dent Delivers Address

The Highland Park and Lake Forest chapter of the W. C. T. U. are uniting in an all day meeting today at the Lake Forest Methodist Episcopal church. The session opened at 10:30 o'clock this morning. A very interesting program has been arranged. Among those who are speaking are Mrs. J. H. Keagle, of Highland Park, Mrs. Ellis of Waukegan and Rev. Stuart B. Edmondson and Dr. C. P. McCullough of Lake Forest. Miss Hood, state president of the W. C. T. U. will give an address this afternoon. A box luncheon was served at noon.

SUNDAY, VERA GORDON IN "THE GREATEST LOVE"

Thurs. Priscilla Dean in "Out- side the Law," Sat. "Scrambled Wives"

Pearl Theatre presents the following program next week: Tonight, "The Magic Cup;" Friday, "The House That Jazz Built;" Saturday, "The Girl in the Taxi;" Sunday, Vera Gordon in "The Greatest Love;" Monday, "East Lynne," a modern version of a world classic; Tuesday and Wednesday, "Inside of the Cup," from the noted novel by Winston Churchill; Thursday, "Outside the Law;" Friday, Tom Moore in "Made in Heaven;" Saturday, Marguerite Clark in "Scrambled Wives," adapted from the play by the same name. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 31 and June 1, "Prisoners of Love." Matinee at 2:30 Saturday.

HOW MANY REMEMBER THIS CORNER?



This picture shows the corner of Central and St. Johns avenues as it was in 1880. Central Hall, commonly called McDonald's Hall, is the two-story building on the site now occupied by the Highland Park Trust and Savings Bank. The Highland Park Presbyterian Church was organized in this hall on June 2, 1871. The Fiftieth Anniversary of the church will be celebrated from June 2-8. The above is only one of many pictures dealing with Highland Park's past which are now in the possession of the church. Slides made from these pictures will be used in an illustrated lecture on the history of the church on Friday evening, June 3. All are welcome to attend it.

TO PRESENT SENIOR CLASS PLAY JUNE 4

"What Happened to Jones" to be Given at Ravinia Theatre by the Senior Class

The Senior class of the Deerfield-Shields high school will present its annual play on Saturday evening, June 4, at 8:15, at the Ravinia Park theatre.

It has been decided to give a modern play this year, which is entitled "What Happened to Jones." This comedy, by George Broadhurst, is one of the best of its kind ever written. Some amusing obstacle is coming up during every minute of the play, so that you are sure to be kept in laughter all the time. The play has proved to be a great favorite throughout the high schools and colleges of the country.

The reserved seat tickets are to be placed on sale at the high school next Thursday and Friday, the 26th and 27th of this month. After that time they will be on sale at Gaell's drug store.

No one should miss the Seniors' play this year. Buy your tickets early, and get the best seat possible.

WINNETKA WON 5 TO 4 FROM LOCALS SUNDAY

Come-Back in Eighth Costs Highland Park the Game; Play Here Next Sunday

The Highland Park Young Men's club baseball boys lost to Winnetka in that city last Sunday afternoon when the Winnetka nine staged a remarkable come-back that swept the visitors temporarily off their feet. The final score was 5 to 4. Highland Park was in the lead until the last of the eighth, when a combination of hits and errors gave the Winnetka bunch three runs. The visitors made a strong rally in the ninth, and secured another run, but the time was too short for more. Good clean playing characterized the game throughout. There were few star plays. The battery for Highland Park was Therrien and Gerkin.

There will be a game here next Sunday afternoon with the Oaktons of Evanston. The Oaktons have a good fast team, and a close game is expected. The playing will start at three o'clock on the Deerfield avenue diamond.

NEW FORD AGENCY ESTABLISHED HERE

Partners Take Over Part of Mc- Pherson Building; Will Carry Repairs

O. S. Springer and A. W. Person, both formerly of the Ford Motor company in Chicago, have taken over the west part of the McPherson building, including the salesroom, and will establish themselves as the local agency for Ford cars. The new concern's territory extends from Wilmette north. They will carry a full line of Ford accessories, and will be an authorized Ford service station.

HIGHWOOD DEFEATS SHERMERVILLE, SUN.

The Highwood baseball team defeated the Shermerville team by a score of 8 to 2 last Sunday at Shermerville. White made two and Shannon three base hits. The next game will be played Sunday with Glencoe.

COUNCIL VOTES TO WITHHOLD PERMITS

GUARD RESIDENCE BLOCKS

Ordinance Passed Friday Night; Dr. L. M. Bergen Resigns as Head of Health Board

An ordinance for the temporary withholding of building permits in the residence district was passed at the meeting of the city council last Friday night. This ordinance provides that a permit to erect any building other than a residence in any block in which a majority of the buildings are used exclusively as residences should be withheld by the building inspector until the council shall have ordered a public hearing. This is in accordance with an act of the General Assembly of Illinois.

A request for permission to extend the sanitary sewer in Green Bay road to the Northmoor Country club was referred to Commissioner Brown.

The resignation of Dr. Lloyd M. Bergen as chairman of the board of health was read. The council passed the following resolution, as an expression of the city's appreciation for the work that he has done.

FOR THAT WHEREAS Dr. Lloyd M. Bergen has acted as President of the Board of Health of the City of Highland Park for twenty-two years and in such capacity has given his time unselfishly to the duties of his office for the protection of the citizens of Highland Park and has thereby earned the thanks and appreciation of the entire community and

WHEREAS the Council has received with regret the announcement of Dr. Bergen's inability to longer continue to assume the responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board of Health and his request not to be re-appointed as such Chairman.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council by this Resolution convey to Dr. Bergen the City's thanks and the assurance of its appreciation for the great service he has so unselfishly rendered the City in the past.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the records of the City of Highland Park, and a suitable copy thereof present to Dr. Bergen.

NORTHWESTERN STORE TO BE DISCONTINUED

Oldest Business House in High- land Park to Close; Estab- lished in 1867

The Northwestern Department store, for fifty-three years a landmark in Highland Park, will be discontinued within a few weeks. Sylvan Moses, the proprietor, will close out his stock of groceries, and will abandon the old stand at the northwest corner of Central avenue and First street. Several weeks ago the Northwestern discontinued all its business except the grocery line.

The store was established in Highland Park in 1867 by Moses Moses, and was the first business house in this vicinity. Later his son, Alfred Moses, conducted the store until his death, a few months ago, when the latter was succeeded by the grandson, Sylvan Moses.