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## TWO SEVERE FIRES LAST MONDAY NIGHT

### MUCH PROPERTY DAMAGE

#### O'Neill Block in Lake Forest Ruined; Lightning Kindles Blaze That Destroys Farm Buildings

Practically all of Lake Forest turned out Monday evening to see the big conflagration which destroyed a large part of the O'Neill building, one of the largest buildings in that city. The blaze had a good start before it was discovered. The origin is unknown, but fire department officials believe that a spontaneous combustion is to blame.

A panic was narrowly averted in the De Luxe theatre, located in the O'Neill block, when smoke began to pour into the room from the lobby. Presence of mind on the part of the manager enabled him to control the crowd of 300 who were attending the show. All escaped unhurt.

The White Shrine lodge was holding a meeting and installation of officers in a hall on the second floor of the building. The smoke forced the members to retreat down the fire escape. Several members of the lodge from Highland Park were at the meeting, which was concluded at the Y. W. C. A.

The Lake Forest fire department arrived shortly after the alarm was turned in, at 8:25, and for five hours fought the blaze. The men were handicapped by the storm and high wind, but they worked very efficiently. The fact that half of the building was saved was attributed to the new Stutz fire truck recently purchased by the city. Charles O'Neill, son of William J. O'Neill, Lake Forest fire marshal, was painfully cut by falling glass.

Excitement reigned during the first hour of the blaze. Occupants of nearby buildings hastened to remove their furniture and valuables to the ground floor. A severe thunderstorm, accompanied by heavy downpours of rain, added to the confusion, and held the clouds of smoke so close to the ground that onlookers had to retreat a half block from the scene.

The annex occupied by the theatre was not damaged to any great extent by the fire, and resumed its regular performances today. The O'Neill store is also to be opened for business today, a part of the lower floor having been repaired. Smoke and water ruined much of the hardware stock that was saved from the flames. Estimates of the total amount of damage were as high as \$125,000.

#### Lightning Strikes Barn

During the storm Monday night lightning struck the barn belonging to John Marell on Dundee rd., near Shermerville, setting it on fire and entirely destroying it together with 5 horses, 4 head of cattle, 150 chickens, several hogs, all his farm implements, Studebaker automobile, and practically everything needing in carrying on the work of a farm.

Several from Highland Park and Deerfield saw the reflection in the sky and drove out to see if they could be of some assistance, but nothing could be done as the fire had gained such headway. The Highland Park Fire Department also responded to the call but it being about seven miles out, it was impossible to get there in time to aid.

The 80 acre farm on which the Martell family live belong to Herman Lorenz. Mr. Martell and family are a good hardworking, French American family and are well liked by all their neighbors and friends and this fire leaves them without anything with which to run a farm and almost destitute. He carried no insurance whatever.

#### LET'S HELP THEM

Why can't Highland Park citizens help them out? Each one give a dollar, fifty cents or any amount they can spare and show these good hard working people that we want to help them.

Contributions left at the Press Office will be given to these people. The Press will start the contribution with \$5.00. Let's go! Bring in whatever amount you can spare.

#### ORGANIZE BOYS

#### BAND IN HIGHWOOD

A boys' band is being organized in Highwood. The first meeting will be held tonight in the council chamber of the Highwood city hall. Mr. Blanchard has been chosen as conductor of the band.

#### TO GIVE CARD PARTY

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1st

The North End Athletic Club will give a card party Wednesday evening, June first in Sant's Hall Highwood. Refreshments will be served. Following the card party there will be dancing.

#### MUSIC FESTIVAL AT ELM PLACE TONIGHT

#### Concert to Raise Funds to Finance the Organization. Public Urged to Attend

A music festival will be given at the Elm Place school this evening by the orchestra and chorus under the direction of Mr. Barendsen and Miss Lund.

The orchestra was organized in January under the leadership of Mr. A. L. Barendsen and has thus far been supported in part by funds raised by the Parent-Teacher Association.

This concert is being given for the purpose of introducing the orchestra to the public and to raise additional funds for the organization. The interest in the orchestra is most gratifying. Most of its members had had no musical training until they joined this group. All should be greatly interested in hearing this first concert.

The members of the orchestra are as follows: Violins: Louis Geminer, Beryl Holland, Gladys Larson, Wilfred Moreton, Clifford Rose, James McNeill, Walter Sleeman, William Guyot, Isadore Smith, Ralph Hayward, Arthur Chrisman, Rudolph Buller, John Jacoby, Steward Gastfield, Davis Greene, Wayne Howard, Alice Eve Winter, Tony Lencioni. Saxophones: (Continued on Page Ten)

#### HIGHWOOD PAGEANT WAS BIG SUCCESS

#### Over 1,600 Participated in Community Affair; Many Marched in Parade

Over 1,600 residents of Highwood attended the big community and patriotic pageant held in that city last Thursday evening. Three hundred others were unable to get standing room at the Oak Terrace school.

The parade was participated in by all organizations in Highwood, including Spanish War Veterans, and Auxiliary, Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, American Legion men, federal and city employees, 250 school children. The procession was headed by a jackie band from Great Lakes naval training station and the city officials. An M. W. A. drill team from Waukegan also participated. After the parade everyone gathered at the Oak Terrace school, where they were welcomed by Mayor Thomas E. Welsh. Speeches were made by Rev. Mr. Engstrom, and Rev. Mr. Dick. John Mallon, an entertainer occupied part of the evening.

Members of the Ladies' Welfare club were responsible to a great extent for the success of the affair. The club had charge of the refreshments at the school. Over 1,200 dishes of ice cream and cake were served.

#### HIGHWOOD COUNCIL MET TUESDAY NIGHT

#### Keen Interest Shown in Community Affairs at First Session This Week

The first meeting of the new city council at Highwood was held Tuesday night in the city hall. Mayor T. E. Welsh presided. An ordinance prohibiting the raising of chickens, goats, cows, horses, and other domestic animals and fawns was passed. The council also agreed to meet semi-monthly, the first and third Fridays of each month, instead of monthly as before. The following members of the board of health, who has been named by the mayor, were appointed by the council: Dr. R. R. Jaeks, chairman, Charles Glass, John Llewellyn, Alex Zahle, and E. J. Bradley. A sixth member will be chosen later. Special police protection for Highwood Saturday and Sunday nights of each week was provided for.

The city hall has been cleaned from attic to basement, and the big council chamber refitted for use. Tuesday night was the first time the chamber had been used for at least ten years, it was said.

#### NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM AT PEARL THEATRE

Monday, Mary Miles Minter in "Don't Call Me Little Girl"  
Saturday, "Love Special"

Next week's program at Pearl Theatre is as follows: Tonight, "Outside the Law"; Friday, Tom Moore in "Made in Heaven"; Saturday, Marguerite Clark in "Scrambled Wives"; Sunday, "The Other Women" from the novel by Nora Davis, Monday, Mary Miles Minter in "Don't Call Me Little Girl" adapted from the play "Jerry" by Catherine Chisholm Cushing, Tuesday and Wednesday, "Prisoners of Love"; Thursday, "Black Beauty"; Friday Dorothy Gish in "The Ghost in the Garret"; Saturday, Wallace Reid in the "Love Special." Matinee at two thirty Saturday.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

#### ORGANIZED 50 YEARS AGO

#### Anniversary Exercises Begin Thursday, June 2. Many Former Members to Attend

On Friday, June 2, 1871, the Highland Park Presbyterian Church was organized by the Presbytery of Chicago, in Central Hall, more commonly called McDonald's Hall. A cut of this building as it was in 1880 appeared in last week's "Press." It occupied the site upon which the Highland Park Trust & Savings Bank now stands.

Next Thursday, June 2, 1921, the anniversary exercises in memory of the founding of the organization will begin at the Presbyterian Church. The first recognition of the occasion will be at eight o'clock next Thursday evening when the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. All members and adherents are invited to attend. The Rev. James G. K. McClure, D. D., LL. D., president of the McCormick Theological Seminary, who has been associated with the life of the Church since 1880, will assist the Rev. Frank Pitt at this service and will give an address based on his memories of the Church's past.

On Friday evening, June 3, at eight o'clock in the Lecture Room of the Parish House the Rev. Frank Pitt will deliver an illustrated lecture on the history of the Church. Through the hearty co-operation of many interested people a great many photographs dealing with Highland Park during the last fifty years have been obtained. About 70 slides have been made. There are a few slides showing some of the old houses and sites. (Continued on Page Ten)

#### TO ISSUE BONDS FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

#### \$30,500 TO BE RAISED

#### Committee Plans to Finance Purchase of Fletcher Property; A Sound Investment is Offered

The committee representing the Community Center and the Community Shop, which has purchased the A. W. Fletcher building and property in East Central avenue, will issue \$30,500 in bonds to finance the purchase.

The Community Service Building is located in Central avenue, at the intersection of Sheridan road, and consists of a brick building of two stories and three apartments. It is situated on a lot having a frontage of 50 feet. The property has been valued by competent persons, including architects, real estate experts and insurance appraisers, in whose opinion the fair value of the property is \$22,500 for the land and \$17,500 for the building, a total value of \$40,000. It is estimated that it would cost \$30,000 to reproduce the building at present prices for material and labor. On this basis the total value of the property would be \$52,500.

The gross rentals of the building are \$8,480.00 a year, and the expenses are \$1,210.

The sinking fund provided for will retire the entire issue by maturity (1931), and is payable on the first day of June, \$2,500 in each of the first three years, \$3,000 in each of the fourth, fifth, and six years, and \$3,500 in each of the last four years.

#### USES CANDLE LIGHT IN INITIATION CEREMONY

#### Moose Lodge Resorts to Old Time Lighting System When Storms Affects Lights

The Loyal Order of Moose initiated another class of candidates at their meeting Monday evening.

In the midst of the initiation ceremony, all lights were suddenly shut off at length due to the terrific thunder, lightning and hail storm, but Secretary William H. Bowden proved himself adapted to the exigency of the moment by resurrecting some antiquated candles, and enough candle power was furnished to go on with the initiation. The odd situation, nevertheless, had a very picturesque effect and all enjoyed the comparison of candle power lighting to 20th century electric lighting. Members strongly voted in favor of the electric lighting system.

#### TAX OBJECTORS WIN IN CIRCUIT COURT

#### PAY ONLY 67 PER CENT

#### Temporary Injunction Granted Restraining County Collector From Taking Full Amount

The injunction suit filed by Ex-mayor Frank P. Hawkins on behalf of himself and other objectors of Highland Park was heard and after a full hearing Judge Edwards of the Circuit Court held that a court of equity had jurisdiction to grant full and complete relief, and that the taxpayers were not obliged to go into the county court to obtain part relief from unjust and void taxes of the several taxing bodies levying taxes upon the property of the city, but that complete relief could and would be granted where equity had obtained jurisdiction. A temporary injunction was thereupon granted on account of alleged illegal and void levies, restraining the county collector from obtaining a judgement in the county or from collecting more than 67.4 per cent of the amount of taxes levied, thus enjoining the collection of 32.6 per cent of the tax levies for 1920.

Tenders of all taxes, except 32.6 per cent were made by Mr. Hawkins and other objectors on the advice of their attorneys in April and such tenders were refused by the County Collector. The Court's ruling now makes it possible for the legal part or 67.4 per cent of the taxes to be paid and the funds made available for school and other purposes.

This injunction supercedes the former injunction which was for a less amount. This injunction suit will not relieve any one in any other part of the county and they, if any seek relief, will be obliged to go into the county court when the County Treasurer makes his application for judgement and sale for delinquent taxes in June.

#### DEERFIELD STATE BANK CONDITION COMMENDED

#### Harry Paul Receives Letter from Andrew Russel, Auditor of Public Accounts

Springfield, Ill.  
May 18, 1921  
Mr. Harry Paul, President,  
Deerfield State Bank,  
Deerfield, Illinois,  
Dear Sir—

I am in receipt of the report of the examination of your bank at the close of business May 2, 1921.

This report reflects a condition quite satisfactory to this department, and for which your officers and directors are to be commended. I trust you will be able to maintain the high standard to which you have been able to bring your little institution.

Very truly yours,  
ANDREW RUSSEL,  
Auditor of Public Accounts.

#### SPRING FLOWER SHOW TO BE NEXT WEEK

#### N. S. Horticultural Society to Give Display in Gorton School Lake Forest June 4-5

The preparations for the Spring Flower show of the North Shore Horticultural society, associated with the Garden Club of Illinois, are going ahead rapidly. The response from the neighboring garden clubs has been enthusiastic and many visitors and exhibitors are expected on the 4th and 5th of June, when the show is to be held at the Gorton school in Lake Forest.

The exhibit of table decorations is, as usual, an attractive feature of the show and already tables have been promised by Mrs. Walter Brewster, Mrs. Hugh McBirney, Mrs. Edward L. Ryerson, Mrs. William P. Martin and Mrs. Leverett Thompson.

A great deal of interest is being shown and the protracted hot weather will bring many flowers in bloom in time for the exhibit, which would usually not be ready.

#### CHATEAU MAXIM AN- NOUNCES OPENING DANCE

The Chateau Maxim announces the opening dance in the Roman Garden, Saturday, May 28 and Sunday May 29.

Chateau Maxim is a new restaurant and tea room which has been erected on Green Bay road, and County line west of Braeside. The building is up to date in every respect. The public is cordially invited to attend the dances to be given every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

#### C. N. S. PLATFORM TO BE COMPLETED JUNE 15

#### New Station Located in Erskine Bank Building Nearing Completion

Re-location of the station of the North Shore Line at a point north of Central avenue, first told in the Press two weeks ago, soon will be an accomplished fact. The new station in the Bank Building will be ready for occupancy in a few days and work on the platforms has already commenced. It is expected that the platforms will be ready by June 15.

The change in the location of this station will mean a good deal to Highland Park in the matter of safety and convenience of automobilists and pedestrians. When the station was located south of Central avenue, it was necessary to cross that busy thoroughfare to reach it, making it both unsafe and inconvenient for passengers. That danger and inconvenience will be eliminated with the station located north of Central avenue.

To Mayor Hastings' belongs the credit for this improvement. When he first suggested the change to the officials of the North Shore Line, they said it would be necessary to obtain a lease for a strip of land two hundred feet in length from the Northwestern railroad for a platform. They said if such a lease could be obtained they would make the change suggested. The matter was taken up by the Commissioners and it is understood the lease to the narrow strip has been secured.

J. S. Hyatt, engineer of the North Shore Line said yesterday that work on the platforms would be started immediately and that he expected they would be completed by June 15. A gang of men are already at work putting in the necessary drain between the tracks preparatory to laying down the cement platforms.

This improvement is another evidence of the willingness of the officials of the North Shore Line to cooperate with the city authorities in every way calculated to better the service and make for greater safety of the public. The road maintains an efficient staff of safety engineers and is constantly making improvements to reduce the number of accidents. The result is that since the line came under the management of Britton I. Budd it has been made the safest high speed electric railroad in the country.

#### EAST PARK DISTRICT MET MONDAY EVENING

#### Made Up Budget for the Year; Going Ahead With New Golf Course

The members of the East Park district board met Monday evening, and made up the budget for the year. The board intends to go ahead with the construction of the new municipal golf course on the old Mooney tract. Forty-two acres have already been seeded, and 2,000 feet of drain tile have been installed. The ball park is ready for playing, but on account of the reduction in the taxes, there will be no funds for a new grand stand until next year.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF HOSPITAL TO GIVE TEA

#### Urge All Residents to Visit Hospital, Friday, June 3rd From 4 to 5

The women of Highland Park are invited to attend a tea and to inspect the Highland Park hospital from four to five o'clock on Friday afternoon, June the third. This affair is under the auspices of the superintendent of the hospital and the members of the Woman's auxiliary of the Highland Park hospital.

#### "LET'S GO" CAST ENJOYS THEATRE PARTY, SAT.

Members of the "Let's Go" cast, Young Men's Club play, chartered a special car, and attended a show in Chicago last Saturday evening. They saw Bert Williams in "Broadway Brevities," after which they enjoyed a Chop Suey dinner at the Canton Tea Gardens.

#### TEACHER OVERCOME BY HEAT MONDAY

Miss Florence Morgan, a teacher at Deerfield-Shields high school was overcome by the heat at the school Monday afternoon. The Prior ambulance was summoned, and she was rushed to the Highland Park hospital, where she is rapidly recovering.

#### GOLF CLUBS OPEN FOR 1921 SEASON

#### DECORATION DAY EVENTS

#### Special Features at Exmoor and Bob O'Link; Briegate Open- ed Temporary Course Last Sunday

#### Exmoor Country Club

A special foursome event and medal play handicap are features of the official opening of the season at the Exmoor club Saturday. The medal play handicap will be 18 holes, and the regular Saturday prize will be awarded. The qualifying round for the foursome event will be held Saturday afternoon. Four prizes will be given. Monday there will be a special Decoration day 36 hole medal play with prizes for each of four classes. The monthly choice hole contests will start June 1.

#### Bob O'Link Golf Club

An opening dinner dance and entertainment will be held Saturday evening at the Bob O'Link. There will be dancing after the dinner. During the day a qualifying round trophy is planned. There will be an alley championship contest and medal play with % handicap. At three o'clock is scheduled ladies' bridge for prizes. Monday a special Decoration Day tournament is to be held. The morning round, medal play, will be nine holes at full handicap. The afternoon round at 1:30 will be a match play, nine holes, at % handicap. A consolation event, open to every member not in the Decoration Day finals, will be started at 1:30.

#### Briegate Golf Club

The new Briegate golf club course was opened last Sunday. Capt. C. H. Alison, golf architect, has come to Highland Park to issue preliminary instructions for the construction of the permanent 18-hole course. During the construction work the members will continue to enjoy play on the temporary 9-hole course, which is now in good condition.

It is understood that the organization of the Briegate golf club has stimulated a keener interest in the affairs of the village of Deerfield on the part of the C. M. & St. P. railway. R. M. Calkins, vice president in charge of traffic of the railway, has become a member, and expects to build a residence in the Deerfield vicinity, it is said.

Charles ("Chick") Evans, perhaps the staunchest American representative who contested in the British Amateur championship in England this week, has been a member of the Briegate club almost since its organization. President W. M. Reay called him at Hoylake, Liverpool, extending him the Club's hope that he would return with the British championship.

Thomas J. Kelly, a Highland Park resident, has been engaged as professional for this season, and is now prepared to give lessons and to furnish golf service to members.

#### SIXTH COMMUNITY CONCERT, MAY 27th

#### Mrs. Herbert Smith, Miss Bertha Harbaugh and Mr. Ved- ity to Appear on Program

The sixth concert of the Highland Park Community Center will take place Friday evening, May 27th at eight o'clock. Following is the program which will be presented:

The Morning Wind	Branscombe
Apple Blossoms	Kellie
Mrs. Herbert Smith	
Meditation, "Thais"	Massanes
Cinquanteaine	Gabriel-Marie
Mr. J. K. Vedits	
Aeolus	Gernsheim
Melodie in E Major	Rachmaninoff
Danse Negre	Cyril Scott
Miss Bertha Harbaugh	
The Wind Song	Rogers
Ma Little Banjo	Dichmont
Mrs. Smith	
The Deluge	Saint-Saens
Mr. Vedits	
Love I Have Won You	Ronald
My Laddie	Galloway
The Nightingale	Ward Stephens
Mrs. Smith	

#### NORTH END ORGANIZES NEW ATHLETIC CLUB

A new athletic club has been organized recently in the north end of Highland Park. This club is known as the NORTH END ATHLETIC CLUB, and consists of some forty charter members. A baseball team is to be selected, which in about two weeks time, will be ready to meet all comers. Herman Saech has been elected President.