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TAX ASSESSMENT HAS SAME ERROR SITUATION IS EXPLAINED

Attorney Claims No Effort Has Been Made To Correct Mistake; Another Court Fight Is Prophesied.

According to individuals interested in fighting the alleged illegal increase in taxes, no effort has been made by the authorities to correct the error which has caused much litigation during the past two years, even though the courts have upheld the objectors to this tax. It is said that the taxes for this year contain the same error. If this is true, there is doubtless another year of lawsuits in store for local taxpayers.

The following article explaining the situation was contributed by an attorney who has made a thorough investigation of the matter:

People of Highland Park and Lake Forest who have been contesting unjust taxes for the years 1919 and 1920 have been criticized; something which is entirely unjust and unfair. Every American knows that his liberty has always depended upon his understanding fully the basis of his taxes; if he finds his taxes burdensome, it is his duty to inquire into the reasons and locate if possible the illegality of them if such exists.

His ability to meet the requirements of civilized life depends upon the fairness and justice of his taxes; if he suffers unjust and unfair public burdens to be laid upon him once, the taxing bodies who did the unjust, finding easy and complacent taxpayers, will do the same thing again, for it is very comforting to the public bodies who expend public monies to feel that whatever they do or whatever errors, they make, still the steady going tax payers some way will raise the money to foot the bills. But an unjust and unfair tax and a tax levied without proper legal authority is a VOID tax and VOID TAX is not a tax at all, but a mere nullity, which under court direction may and should be disregarded. A citizen who applies to the courts to correct errors to taxing bodies and to obtain a legal decision on the disputed questions of taxation IS DOING A PUBLIC SERVICE and should be commended instead of criticized; it is by such men that American liberties were first established and ever afterwards preserved. No one can ever escape a legally levied tax and the citizen who defends his property from unjust taxation is simply showing himself to be a free and independent and full blooded American. Our courts have frequently and decidedly upheld

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"MOON MAGIC" TO BE PRESENTED JUNE 7

IN PATTEN GYMNASIUM

Proceeds of Pageant to be Given in Evanston to Benefit Girls' League

Fascinating folk lore, gorgeous color harmonies, dancing, song, five speaking characters, a cast of 200, the Festival organ—all these things are included in "Moon Magic," the pageant written by Eleanor Ellis Perkins, to be produced June 7th at the Patten Gym in the Girls' League of Evanston. Miss Perkins has studied with Prof. Baker of Harvard in his 47 Workshop Group, admittance to which is based on the writing of an original play. Her pageant "Daybreak" produced at Orchestra Hall during the war confirmed her ability as a playwright.

Mrs. C. J. Whitley, the President of the Drama Club of Evanston, is to take the role Queen Ennet, the wife of the Warrior King. The character of Fergus Fingal, the story-teller of the Court of Cuchulain, is handled with distinction by Lester Luther, whose fine voice and acting have made his Mephistopheles memorable in the history of Boston Grand Opera. Donald o' the Hump, the heir of Fergus Fingal's tale, is portrayed by Elisha Cook, one of the founders of the Player's Workshop in 57th St., a man who has managed the Philistine Theatre and the open air theatre at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, who staged the "Nativity" at the Art Institute, who has written three plays and appeared in one of them "No Sabe" with marked success at the Evanston Woman's Club and Country Club. With such broad experience brought to bear on this character, Donald o' the Hump is sure to be masterfully interpreted. Miss Virginia Burch, whom Prof.

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LORETTO MUSIC CLASS GAVE RECITAL FRIDAY

Other Divisions of the Class to Hold Recital Sometime This Month

One division of the Loretto Music Class gave a most interesting recital in the Convent Studio, 208 Green Bay Road on Friday evening, May 27. The invited guests were the friends and parents of the young performers. The different numbers of the programme were faultlessly executed and received repeated applause from the audience.

Program

Medley	Ascher
Loretto Orchestra	
Piano Duet-Concert Valse	Moskowski
Misses H. O'Brien and A. Benson	
Violin-Summer Night Waltz	Franklin I. Gilkinson, F. Wagner
M. Carroll, J. Zahle	
Piano-The Juggler	Kern
Etude	Heller
Miss G. Hayward	
Violin-Theme Varia	Kafka
Lorraine Thom	
Vocal-"Sing On"	Denza
"Mammy's Song"	Ware
Miss E. Southerland	
Piano-Whispering Winds	Wollenhaupt
Miss M. Berube	
Violin-Minuet in G	Beethoven
Opera Selection	Verdi
Ralph Hayward	
Piano-Scherzo	Padarewski
Miss A. Muzik	
Mandolin	Cresci
Love Song	Henlir
Spanish Waltz	
Miss A. Hultman	
Piano-Sonata Op 13 (First Movement)	Beethoven
A. Benson	
Violin-Theme de Weigl	Dancia
Ralph Hayward	
Vocal-"Robin, Robin Sing"	Gilspross
Miss E. Southerland	
Rose Dreams Waltzes	Schetter
Loretto Orchestra	

Sometime in June, the other divisions of the class will hold their recital for the entertainment of friends and relatives.

BRIERGATE TO START WORK ON 18 HOLES

New Construction Will Not Interfere With Temporary 9 Hole Course.

Immediately after the Decoration Day events at Briergate plans were laid to commence construction on the new 18 hole course designed by Colt, McKenzie and Allison. The outline of the greens and surrounding mounds and bunkers has been plowed and a Titan tractor is at work on the fairways.

The new construction is to be conducted without interfering with the temporary nine hole course which was originally laid out, so that play could be continued until late this season. The size of the property make this a feasible arrangement.

IMPORTANT MEETING TUESDAY EVENING

Business Men to Discuss Entering Pageant of Progress Parade Next Month

The Chicago Pageant of Progress will be fully explained by a representative from the Pageant headquarters at the regular meeting of the Highland Park Business Men's association Tuesday evening. All members are urged to attend this meeting. North Shore cities are being asked to take part in a big parade that will be held next month in Chicago in connection with the pageant. Evanston and Waukegan have already decided to enter. Whether Highland Park will participate or not must be decided at the meeting Tuesday evening.

BENEFIT GARDEN PARTY TO BE HELD JUNE 10

The garden party which Mrs. Jessie Hopkins Boyer is to give at her home Shoreacres for the benefit of the Building Fund of the Highland Park Woman's Club will be held on Friday, June 10, three to six o'clock. The yard is in beautiful condition and the peony buds promise wonderful blossoms in a week's time. Everybody is invited to come and share in the sight and sociability and eat delicious refreshments.

GIVE TEA AT HOSPITAL TOMORROW AFTERNOON

The superintendent of the Highland Park hospital and the members of the members of the Woman's auxiliary of the hospital invite the women of this city to attend a tea and to inspect the hospital from 4 to 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

RAVINIA PARK WILL OPEN SEASON JUNE 25

FORECAST FOR 1921

Mario Chamlee, New Operatic Star Engaged By Mr. Eckstein For Summer Opera.

The time for the opening of Ravinia Park is fast approaching. Saturday, June 25th is the date set for the first performance of the summer opera season. The physical loveliness of Ravinia is so striking, its clearness of vista, climate and atmosphere so winsome that the best and most beautiful music in the world follows not even as a matter of course, but as an irresistible impulse. As a foundation, Ravinia has an invaluable asset in the first orchestra of the land, the Chicago Symphony, an organization bearing as high and as well deserved a reputation for its achievements in opera as in symphony music. In both respects it has maintained Ravinia ideals in the past. It will add to them during the coming season.

A large cast of distinguished singers have been engaged by Mr. Eckstein. Anna Fittzu, Marie Sundelius and Frances Peralta will make their appearance at Ravinia for the first time. Florence MacBeth returns after an absence of several seasons. Her admirers of the past will be delighted to hear of her return. Margery Maxwell and Philine Falco will be welcomed back.

Alice Gentle will have her third successive season as principal lyric-dramatic contralto. She has made her mark. She is one of the Ravinia blessings.

Other makers of operatic history Charles Hackett and Morgan Kingstons, will return. They will share the tenor roles this season with Mario Chamlee a young artist who in one season has become one of the notables of the Metropolitan. Giordano Palmirini will come back to specialize in character parts.

The baritone section looks exceptionally strong. Riccardo Stracciari, brilliant singer, operatic actor, and personality, has been engaged to head a list that already included Mello Picco, Graham Marr, and Louis D'Angelo.

The principal bass roles will be sung by Leon Rothier, another artist needing no introduction. Some of the buffo roles will be sung by a famous guest artist, Vittorio Trevisan and others by Paolo Ananian.

Negotiations are now going on with that most famous baritone in the operatic world, Antonio Scotti, for a series of guest performances to take place during the second half of the season.

Another pleasant duty comes in the announcement of conductors, Louis Hasselmann, coming here directly from the Opera Comique of Paris, and engaged by the Metropolitan next winter, will have his first Ravinia engagement as conductor of the French repertoire. Gennaro Papi, whose magnetic artistry has been a Ravinia feature for four summers, season to season. There will be further performances under the baton of Giacomo Spadoni.

So much favorable comment has been aroused by the beautiful stage effects produced by Armando Agnini that his re-engagement for the third successive season was inevitable.

A list of thirty operas is to be presented this year. Those contemplated and subject to change are:

Martha, La Traviata, Cavalleria Rusticana, Rigoletto, Aida, Mignon, Lucia, Tales of Hoffman, Carmen, Pagliacci, Madam Butterfly, Thais, Faust, Tosca, Jewels of the Madonna, La Boheme, Secret of Suzanne, Massenet's Manon, Romeo and Juliet, Il Trovatore, Barber of Seville, Lakme, L'Elisir d'Amore, L'Amore dei Tre Re, Zaza, L'Oracolo, Don Pasquale, La Navarraise, Fedora and Lohengrin.

RAILROAD STARTS NEW SAFETY DRIVE

North Shore Line Seeks To Prevent Accidents By Keeping Pedestrians Off Tracks.

As a result of the frequency of fatal accidents on the North Shore line in recent months, the railway is centering a campaign having for its purpose the prevention of the use of its tracks and right-of-way by pedestrians.

Horatio Tocco of the claim department of the company has been visiting the chief cities along the route with posters warning pedestrians that trespassing on the company's property they are laying themselves liable to heavy fine. The posters are printed in Italian and English.

GEORGE SMITH DIED TUESDAY MORNING

LIVED HERE FIFTY YEARS

Aged Resident Of Highland Park Found Dead In Bed; Funeral Services Tomorrow Afternoon.

Mr. George Smith a resident of this city for the past fifty years was found dead in bed Tuesday morning at his home on South Second St.

Mr. Smith had gone to bed Monday evening presumably in the best of health. Tuesday morning Mrs. Smith arose and prepared breakfast and then called Mr. Smith. He failed to respond. On investigation she found that he was dead. Heart trouble is thought to be the cause of his death.

Mr. Smith was born in Millersville, Pa., July 17, 1838, and came to Highland Park when about thirty-three years of age. He is survived by his wife, three sons, George of this city, William, of Buffalo, N. Y. and Arthur of Peru and one daughter, Mrs. John Erb, of Chicago, twenty-four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the home Friday afternoon at two o'clock in charge of A. O. Fay lodge. Interment will be in North Northfield cemetery.

Mr. Smith is the oldest member of A. O. Fay lodge having received his third degree on June 8, 1875. At the time he joined the lodge there were only eighteen members, and he has had the pleasure of seeing the lodge membership grow from eighteen to three hundred and fifty.

EASTERN STAR ENTERTAINS GRAND MATRON

Reception Held Last Evening for Mrs. Grace M. Steeley. Dinner Preceded

Last evening Mrs. Grace M. Steeley, Worthy Grand Matron of the State of Illinois, visited Campbell Chapter, there were also other grand officers present and past matrons and patrons as well as many visitors from Waukegan, Wilmette, Evanston, and Chicago, present.

A delicious dinner was served preceding the reception by Sheridan Reeding. The dining room was prettily decorated in pink and lavender.

Peonies, roses, daisies and leaves were the decorations used in the hall. Much credit is due all those who helped to make the evening a success.

ENTER CHICKEN COOP; TAKE 30 LAYING HENS

Railroad Men's Home Reward for Arrest of Thieves

On Monday evening thieves broke into the chicken house at the Railroad Men's Home and took thirty beautiful white leghorn laying hens. This is the fourth time within a period of two years that chickens have been stolen from the home.

Mr. O'Keefe who is manager of the home has about fifty-five chickens in all which he keeps for the purpose of having fresh eggs for the men at the home who are on a diet and for hospital cases.

A reward of twenty-five dollars is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thief.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION AT LAKE FOREST

Garden Club and Horticultural Society To Hold Flower Show This Week End

The annual spring flower show of the North Shore Horticultural Society and the Garden Club of Illinois will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Gorton School, Lake Forest. The gardens of Mrs. A. M. Day, Mrs. W. S. Brewster, Mrs. Clyde Carr, and Mrs. George McLaughlin will be opened to holders of tickets. Several special features are promised.

LIFE SAVING CREW STARTS DRILLING

Members Practice For The Season's Work; Dance At Boathouse Monday.

During the past two Sundays the Young Men's club life saving crew has been getting in some good practice in the lake. Monday a few of the members and their friends enjoyed a dance at the club's boathouse.

NEW DIRECTOR AT COMMUNITY CENTER

A. L. Herring, Former Recreation Director for Goodyear Co. Accepts Position

Highland Park Community Service announced Tuesday that A. L. Herring, a recreational specialist of long experience, was engaged as the organization's first recreational director.

Mr. Herring commenced his duties Tuesday, when he met with members of the executive committee to map out a program for the extension of the organization's recreational activities. He expressed enthusiasm about the future recreational possibilities of the city. He stated that he and his family will make Highland Park their home.

Mr. Herring just graduated from the Community Service training school in Chicago where every phase of recreational life is treated.

Mr. Herring, who is noted for his musical and dramatic talents, was recreational director for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, Akron, O., for the past five years, developing all manner of recreational activities for 33,000 employees.

Commenting yesterday on the benefits of a Community Service organization to a community, Mr. Herring said:

"Two hundred cities of the country have Community Service organizations working for the highest development of their recreational life. (Continued on Page 10)

SENIORS PRESENT CLASS PLAY SATURDAY

"What Happened To Jones" A Comedy In Three Acts To Be Given At Ravinia.

Next Saturday night, June 4th, is the date of the Senior play of the high school. As has been mentioned before in this paper, the play is an unusually fine one this year. "What Happened To Jones" is a snappy comedy in three acts, and the parts are well taken. George N. Broadhurst, the author, has written many well known farces before, and anyone who has seen any of his plays know that they are very worth while. As in past years, the play will be given at Ravinia Park. The tickets are now on sale at Gsell's drug store in Highland Park, and Kraits in Lake Forest. The seats are practically all sold now, so if you want to see a well acted and well plotted play, take advantage of this opportunity and get your ticket today.

The curtain rises at 8:15. There will be special numbers between the acts as an added attraction for this night.

WALLACE REID IN "THE LOVE SPECIAL"

To Be Shown Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday, "A Tale of Two Worlds."

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

Tonight, "Black Beauty;" Tomorrow, "The Ghost in the Garret;" Saturday, "The Love Special;" Sunday, "Jim The Penman;" Monday, "Silk Hosiery;" Tuesday and Wednesday, "A Tale of Two Worlds;" Thursday, "Ethel Clayton in 'The Price Possession';" Friday, Roscoe Arbuckle in "The Life of the Party;" from the story by Irving S. Cobb; Saturday, William S. Hart in "O'Malley of the Mounted. Matinee at two thirty Saturday.

A. ABERCROMBY, SR. DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mr. Archibald Abercromby, Jr., received a telegram Monday stating that his father Mr. Archibald Abercromby, Sr., had been killed in an automobile accident twenty miles out of Los Angeles, Calif., on Sunday, May 29th. The body is being shipped here for burial.

Mr. Abercromby was a resident of Chicago and had only gone to California a few weeks ago. He is well known in this city as he was formerly in the plumbing, steam and hot water heating business here. As we go to press no further details could be procured regarding the accident. Further details will appear in next week's issue of the Press.

MARY MILES MINTER VISITS NORTH SHORE

Mary Miles Minter, the famous moving picture actress was a visitor on the north shore last Sunday. Accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Shelby, and her sister Margaret, Miss Minter, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Bunting, Lake Bluff. The party drove through Highland Park. Miss Minter is on her way abroad.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMENCES TONIGHT

AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Special Services Commemorating Event To Be Held All Week; To Give Church History Tomorrow.

This evening at eight o'clock, the Highland Park Presbyterian Church will begin its week of anniversary celebration with a service at which the Communion of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Fifty years ago to-night, at a meeting held in Central Hall (more commonly called McDonald's Hall), the Presbyterian Church was organized by the Presbytery of Chicago. Of the 33 charter members 3 are still living, Mrs. E. H. Denison, Mrs. Ford P. Hall, and

Mrs. Arthur F. Allen. The two former will be present during the exercises. At the service to-night the Rev. James G. K. McClure, D. D., Rev. L. L. D., president of the McCormick Theological Seminary, will speak on the memories of his forty years of association with the people of the Church and will assist the Rev. Frank Pitt in the dispensation of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Tomorrow evening, in the Lecture Room of the Parish House at eight o'clock, the Rev. Frank Pitt will deliver an illustrated lecture on the history of the Church. Over 80 slides will be thrown on the screen and those present will have an opportunity to see the faces of many of the men and women who helped to lay the foundation of The Highland Park of today. A cordial invitation is extended to the people of our city to attend this lecture.

Next Sunday morning the Bible School will observe the anniversary with special exercises. The Junior, Intermediate and Senior Departments (Continued on Page 10)

ELKS' STAG PARTY TUESDAY EVENING

Many Members Attend Affair in the Lodge Rooms; Several Boxing Exhibitions

A large number of Highland Park Elks enjoyed a stag party and smoker at the lodge rooms Tuesday night. There were five boxing bouts and two wrestling matches scheduled. Several local boxers matched their skill with men from Fort Sheridan.

The regular meeting of the Elks will be held next week, at which time 33 applications will be balloted upon. This is the largest number of applications balloted at any one meeting by the local lodge since its organization.

FORDS "KICK" AT BEING DISCARDED

Two Reliable Laundry Drivers Break Arms Attempting To Crank Their "Flivvers."

For several years the Reliable Laundry has used Ford cars for delivery purposes, and during that time the drivers have had little difficulty with their cars. A week ago the laundry started replacing the Fords with Dodge delivery cars. Then the "flivvers" started to kick.

Last Thursday John Burke, a driver, fractured his right arm when the Ford he was attempting to crank "kicked" obstinately. Two days later George Sieffert had a similar accident.

HIGHWOOD WELFARE CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

The Highwood Welfare Club will hold an important meeting on Tuesday evening, June 7, at eight o'clock at the City Hall. All women of Highwood are urged to be present at this meeting.

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