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A NOTABLE RECORD

A city with a record of extensive improvements made and paid for in a year and with large cash balance in the treasury; a city that pays its way as it goes and yet has everything worth having in a modern town is unique in municipal annals. It is probable that there is not another such city in Illinois. In any event it is a notable record, and the city in question is this city, Highland Park, Illinois.

Highland Park's position is unique. Its financial condition is remarkable. A city that has the modern improvements it has and the facilities it enjoys, that nevertheless pays its debts and has cash balances counted by thousands of dollars! You couldn't make city officials down state believe that. It isn't done. Hence it is the more worthy of comment and commendation.

Highland Park owes this notable record to the business-like administration of Mayor Samuel M. Hastings and the efficient board of commissioners who have conducted its affairs in the last eight years. Highland Park used to be in the condition financially of the majority of cities. In eight years Mayor Hastings' administration has pulled it out of debt and placed it on a firm financial footing, with extensive improvements completed and splendid prospects for still greater achievements in the coming year.

Isn't that a record for any city to be proud of?

PLANNING WITH VISION

Highland Park is fortunate in that, at this period in its history when expansion and progress beyond all the dreams of the past are opening for its benefit, it has in control of municipal affairs men of vision and judgment, men forward-looking and far-seeing who realize that this town in a few years will be a city of 30,000 or 40,000 population and are wise enough to want to plan now for this expansion.

The proposition to annex territory to the west to provide space for the city's rapid expansion, to plan for this additional territory so that it may have improvements properly co-ordinated with those of the present city, to look forward to the possibilities of the future for the best interest of the people now inside the city and also for the welfare of those who in the natural course of events will be citizens at no far-distant day—this municipal preparedness plan is one which should have the careful consideration of everybody affected, both in and outside of the city. It means much to Highland Park and its environs in the next 10 years that today there are men of vision urging plans to meet conditions that must inevitably obtain sooner than is generally imagined.

The Greater Highland Park idea is no chimera; it is a solid, sensible, sound suggestion based on a very pressing condition. Well it is that good men and true have the best interests of the city at heart at this crisis in its progress.

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GREATER HIGHLAND PARK PLAN FAVORED

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thousand in the past year and that it was not unreasonable to expect that in the next eight or 10 years Highland Park would be a city of 30,000 to 35,000 people. For this reason it was felt that some plan sufficiently broad to provide for the future of this growing city should be adopted soon, rather than wait until emergencies arise and subdivisions must be taken in hastily and without adequate provision for extension of the various water, sewer and street systems which must be given them, whereas, if there were a general plan of broad enough scope to work to, all these things could be taken care of to the best advantage of the city and the people to be effected in the annexed territory.

City Engineer Windes explained the technical features of the plan declaring that the drainage of the skokie and a general sewage system were difficulties which could be better handled under a broad plan than in patchwork or piecemeal disorder and he pointed to the south where just over the Cook county line already the skokie is being invaded by subdivisions and fine residences are being erected. It was also pointed out that if the territory in question to the west and north are annexed the city would be in much better position to provide against undesirable elements and objectionable industrial projects getting a foothold on the city's threshold.

Meeting Thrown Open
The meeting was thrown open for discussion and there was a general interchange of ideas; questions were asked and answered and the entire proposition was carefully canvassed, the general opinion expressed being that the plan was a good one and worth careful consideration.

Mayor Hastings pointed out that a plan of this magnitude should have full and open consideration and plenty of time given in which to survey it from all angles and secure all opinions thereon, and at his suggestion a motion was made and passed unanimously that the city commissioners appoint a special commission to be composed of representatives from both the city and the territory affected and that this commission make a thorough and exhaustive investigation of the project in all its phases, interviewing the people interested and getting full data and report at some later date to a public meeting to be called for that purpose.

Favorable Expression
When Mayor Hastings asked all who believed the plan a good one to hold up their right hands two-thirds of those present did so, and when an opposing expression similarly was requested, there were no hands in evidence. One or two raised the question of tax increase, and this will be investigated by the commission, but it was believed that the great increase in the value of the property annexation will largely offset any raise in taxes in consequence.

The entire meeting was a harmonious get-together affair in which the people of the city and their neighbors were fairly represented and calmly discussed a question of marked importance to both. That both city and outside people were impressed with the necessity of some such move and the feasibility of the plan suggested augurs well for its eventual adoption, it is believed by those interested.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mrs. William Booth is enjoying a two weeks vacation visiting relatives in Scotville and Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. Charles H. Baker is leaving today (Thursday) for Biloxi, Miss., where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Ferres have rented the Charles H. Baker house on Glencoe avenue for the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Mary Paul of Chicago spent a few days last week with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Searles of Bemidje, Minn., were the week-end guests of Miss Florence Warner.

Mrs. John Rhinehart of Homewood avenue, will entertain the Missionary Society of the First Evangelical church this afternoon.

Allen, Newham and Raymond Sheahan who spent the holidays with their parents have returned to St. Ambrose college, Davenport, Ia.

Franklin Fritsch had his tonsils and adenoids removed on Monday. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tillman left yesterday for Fruitland Park, Fla., where they will spend a couple of months.

George Rossetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Rossetter who has been ill with scarlet fever has recovered and is out of quarantine.

Last Friday evening when returning from a friends' house Mrs. Charles Larson slipped and fell, striking her foot on the curb, and breaking her limb. She is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Delhaye.

James Harvey Robinson is to speak here next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Mary Searcy spent a few days last week visiting friends in Oak Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ball and two sons of Evanston were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ball Sunday.

Mr. Clyde Haeefe who underwent an operation on his nose a few weeks ago, is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kleiner and daughter, Bonita of Chicago, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Winter.

Mary Kimball and Mildred Harbaugh have returned to Mt. Ida school, having spent the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laing are spending a few weeks at Josephine, Ala.

Don't forget to hear James Harvey Robinson next Tuesday evening at the Elm Place Auditorium.

Jerry Leaming and Donald Buchanan have returned to Illinois University, having spent the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. George Millard and daughter, Elizabeth, of South Sheridan road, left for California Monday night.

Dr. E. P. Norcross is building a new home on Maple avenue. Mr. William Mann is the architect.

Mrs. J. McGregor Adams and Mrs. Ferdinand Wiegand leave on Jan. 16 for their winter home in Thomasville, Ga.

Mrs. Elton Tyner, Margaret and Gage, who have been staying at the Moraine hotel returned the last part of the week to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Edwin Lee Neilson of Cincinnati, Ohio, was the week-end guest of Mrs. Fred D. Porter.

Mrs. Taylor of Ravinia leaves for Pasadena, Cal., Saturday. The Dr. will join her there later.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison and family of Cleveland, Ohio, have rented and are occupying the Adolph Gieser house at the corner of Glenview and Midlothian avenues.

Mr. Earl Erickson left for Florida last week. He arrived Friday at Jacksonville and from there he motored to Miami where he will spend the winter months.

Mrs. Thomas Brewer has been on the sick list since New Year's.

Joseph Card returned to Andover Saturday, Jan. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, 215 North Greenbay road, are the happy parents of a baby boy born Monday, Jan. 8.

Miss Muriel Mirtens has returned from a month's trip in New York.

Mrs. William Antep went yesterday (Wednesday) to the Elizabeth hospital, where she will undergo an operation.

Mrs. Arthur van Schaick of New York is the guest of Mrs. John H. Harmon.

Mrs. William M. Wright sails from New York on Jan. 20 on a Mediterranean trip.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Alesen have gone to Miami, Fla., for a month. (Continued on Page 7)

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Chas. Sack, 69, Highland Park, Ill. Nellie A. Johnson, 63, Highland Park, Ill.

Michael Deutente, 22, Lake Bluff. Emma Burke, 21, Chicago.

John Pedersen, 27, Chicago. Violet White, 17, Lake Bluff.

Richard Turell, 26, Highland Park. Enes Palandri, 22, Highland Park.

Henry J. Munsen, 40, Libertyville. Louise McDearmind, 30, Highland Park.

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