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CONSOLIDATION OF TWO LOCAL BANKS

IS STRONG INSTITUTION

Union of Highland Park State and Trust and Savings Banking Houses Is Perfected

Consolidation of the Highland Park State Bank with the Highland Park State Bank, rumors of which were rife last week, has now been effected and organization perfected with the following officers and directors:

The capital stock of the consolidated bank is \$150,000, the surplus, \$87,500; undivided profits, \$41,000; deposits, \$2,250,000.

Officers and Directors
Officers—Samuel M. Hastings, chairman of board of directors; J. M. Appel, president; Harry Paul, vice-president; C. F. Grant, vice-president and cashier; Raymond Erskine, assistant cashier.

Directors—Samuel M. Hastings, Ward Willis, John A. Bunnell, Morton Mavor, Harry Paul, Martin Insull, Critton I. Budd, A. C. Morgan, Marshall Sampson, C. F. Grant, J. M. Appel.

To Remodel Building

As soon as arrangements are made, the business will be conducted in the Highland Park State Bank building. The plans are already under way for the remodeling of the Highland Park State and Savings Bank building. The plans contemplate a commodious up to date banking room, with the last word in fixtures and vault equipment. When remodeled this building will become the permanent home of the consolidated bank.

The Highland Park State Bank was organized about twenty-three years ago, with a capital of \$25,000. On the date of consolidation, its capital was \$100,000 and its deposits had grown to about one and three-quarters million. About nine years ago, Mr. C. G. Phillips, then president of the bank died. His interests were taken over by Mr. Frank J. Baker, and Mr. J. M. Appel, who assumed the management of the bank until several months ago when Mr. Baker died. Mr. C. F. Grant, reared and educated in Highland Park has been cashier for the past twelve years. He began business life with the Highland Park State Bank and by his efficient and faithful service to that institution has aided much in its notable growth and success.

Organized in 1916

The Highland Park Trust & Savings Bank was organized on Dec. 6, 1916, taking over the business of D. M. Erskine, a private bank. Since its organization, there have been several changes in the acting officers. During the past six years, Mr. Harry Paul, has served as cashier of the institution, and the management has been largely in his hands. The institution prospered from the start. The deposits showing a persistent increase, and reaching a total of about \$800,000 on the date of consolidation.

It is planned to increase the capital of the consolidated bank, immediately from \$150,000 to \$200,000. A notice to that effect has already been sent out to stockholders.

The purpose of the organization is to effect economies, increase the efficiency and service, justify a first class banking house and create a bank with a strength and management in keeping with the community which it serves.

The bank will rank as one of the strongest in Lake county in point of capital and deposits.

PLYMOUTH CHAPTER HAS SUCCESSFUL PARTY

On March 1, "Plymouth" chapter, Daughters of the British Empire, held a bunco party at the home of the regent. There was a good attendance of members and friends and an enjoyable time was spent. Prize winners were: Miss B. Turner, Mrs. A. Somerville, Mrs. G. Francis and Mrs. C. Oulds. Several new members were enrolled at this time, which speaks well for the success of the chapter in the future.

At the last meeting the name of this chapter was changed to "Plymouth" instead of Gibraltar.

Next meeting to be held March 14 at the home of Mrs. George Marshall, 310 Prospect Ave. On that day, Mrs. George Cook Adams, State and National president will be present. It is hoped all members will make a special effort to be present at that meeting at 1 o'clock sharp.

MISS J. HARDING TO READ FOR P.T.A. MAR. 15

The Parents and Teachers association of the Elm Place grammar school will meet next Thursday evening, March 15, at eight o'clock. The entertainment with Miss Jessie Harding, reader, will be given.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATED HERE

MR. AND MRS. W. W. STEELE

Married in Michigan March 7, 1873, Have Lived in This City Many Years; The Family Circle

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Steele, 366 North Avenue, on Wednesday, March 7, completed fifty years of happy married life and on Saturday of this week the event will be celebrated by a family reunion at their home.

The notable event was not especially marked on Wednesday, because of the festivities planned for the end of the week, but children and grandchildren and many old friends showered the aged bride and groom with congratulations and it was a very happy occasion.

Pioneer of County

Mr. Steele is a pioneer of Lake county, having been born in 1845, west of Lake Forest. His family later removed to Chicago and there he went through the great fire in 1871. After that he went to Augonia county, Michigan, where he lived for some years, and it was while there that he met and courted Miss Eunice Lorinda Lighthall. Their marriage followed, March 7, 1873, at Bay City, Mich.

In 1878 they returned to Lake county, settling in Highland Park, where they have since lived. Mr. Steele having for many years been successfully engaged in the carpentry business. He is 78 years of age and Mrs. Steele is 74, and despite their advanced age both are hale and hearty and filled with the joy of living.

Children and Grandchildren

There are five children, William, Jr., Mrs. A. W. Yowell, Mrs. Grace Hook and Mrs. Effie Fritsch and A. H. Steele, all of Highland Park. There are 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Their many friends unite in congratulations and the sincere wish that the happy pair may be spared to celebrate many more anniversaries.

MRS. R. SHANNON OF HIGHWOOD IS DEAD

Mrs. Margaret Shannon wife of Richard Shannon, prominent Highwood merchant, died early Tuesday morning, at her home in that village. She was born April 10, 1880, in Timbina, O., and her maiden name was Margaret Sullivan.

She is survived by her husband, one son, Ted Shannon, her mother, two sisters and two brothers. She was a member of St. James church, Highwood and of the Pythian Sisters order. She was especially fond of athletic pastimes and deeply interested in Highwood's baseball and other local sport organizations which she always loyally supported. She had many warm friends whose sorrow at her death is heartfelt, and the sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved relatives.

The funeral was held at 10 o'clock this morning at St. James church, and burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Lake Forest.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM AT PEARL THEATRE

Pearl Theatre will present the following pictures next week: "Sunday, The Streets of New York" with Barbara Castleton and Edward Earle, Dorothy Mackall and Anders Randolph; Monday and Tuesday, Irving Cummings presents Lon Chaney in "Flesh and Blood"; Wednesday Thursday and Friday, Richard Barthelme with Dorothy Gish in "Fury"; Saturday, Booth Tarkington's masterpiece "The Flirt." Matinee at 2:30. See program on back page of this paper.

COMPLETE PLANS FOR K. OF C. DANCE MAR. 17

Plans are nearing completion for the Knights of Columbus dance which is to be given Saturday evening, March 17, at the Deerfield-Shields high school under the auspices of Quilmette council. The committee in charge report that there will be good music, and everyone is assured a delightful evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

COMMUNITY SHOP MAKES MANY CONTRIBUTIONS

The Community Shop during the month of February was able to give financial help to the following organizations: Chicago Lighthouse, (A charity to aid the blind). The Dorcas Home. The Y. W. C. A. of Highland Park. The Community Center. The Lake Bluff Orphanage. The slogan of the shop is "The More You Buy, the more we give."

BANDITS HOLD UP THREE IN ONE NIGHT

ONE YEGG IS ARRESTED

Aynsley's Store First Place Visited; Highwood Man and Soldier Other Victims

Three holdups in one evening in this community stirred the Highland Park police Monday night, when one report after another came in of the operations of a quartet of young bandits, one of whom was caught about 1:30 Tuesday morning by the officers.

The first place struck up by Dean Aynsley's store, North Green Bay road, near the Bloom street viaduct. Four men entered the store and ordered Aynsley to "put 'em up," which he did with alacrity. They were about to go through the cash drawer, when Mr. Bletsch, on a motorcycle stopped outside, and the yeggs, evidently fearing it was a motorcycle cop, hastily fled without getting any cash.

Highwood Man Robbed

They were next heard from in Highwood, where they held up Jack Sheridan, an officer of the Knights of Pythias lodge, who was carrying money to a meeting of the lodge and had it in a bag. Four men confronted him in front of the school building, made him hold up his hands, and searched his pockets getting some small change, but they failed to search the bag.

Later Sergeant Wagner, who lives at the E. Griesmeyer home was stopped by the four on Prairie avenue, Highwood and told to "stick 'em up." Just one of the gang said, "O, it's a soldier; let him go," and they disappeared.

Police Arrest Yegg

A young man was arrested near the North Shore station early Tuesday morning carry a .38 Smith & Wesson gun concealed in his clothes and bearing all the earmarks of a typical gangster, according to the police. He was lodged in jail, and Tuesday evening he was identified by Mr. Aynsley as one of the quartet who had entered his store.

Faced with this evidence the gunman who gave the name of Frank Del Regio, weakened somewhat and said he lived at 2308 Taylor street, Chicago, but claimed he had simply met the three others in a pool room. From further information obtained by the police they believe the arrest of the others in Chicago will not be long delayed.

Good Work

The prompt action of the police in this case is notable. In a minute and a half after the alarm from Aynsley's store Chief Maroney was on the scene with the assistance of members of his force scoured the territory in that section, while other officers kept watch on stations and other probable avenues of escape.

MUSICAL PROGRAM AT WOMAN'S CLUB

Delightful Entertainment Marks Tuesday Afternoon Session; Details

A musical program supplemented by readings in French-Canadian dialect by Mrs. R. J. Beatty, under whose direction the afternoon entertainment was arranged, delighted a very large audience at the Highland Park Woman's club Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Beatty, after giving a history of the origin of the harp, accompanied Miss Dorothy Wright, who gave a group of lovely old songs. Miss Ruth Bletsch, a local artist, truly professional, gave several selections on the harp.

Mr. Glenn Drake accompanied by Robert Yale Smith also proved to be most entertaining in a group of songs. After the meeting Mrs. Beatty and those who assisted her, were the center of a throng receiving congratulations on such an artistic and uplifting program.

MRS. HOPKINS IN CHARGE OSSOLI MEETING TUES.

The next regular meeting of the Ossoli club will be held on Tuesday March 13, and is in charge of the Americanization committee, Mrs. C. C. Hopkins, chairman. Mr. Robert D. Kless, director of the Union League Boy's club will be one of the speakers and the club is fortunate in being able to secure Miss Lucy Pearson, director of the Student Fellowship Union of Chicago as another speaker. Miss Pearson is a most interesting talker and her works so unique that no one ought to miss the opportunity of hearing her. The Americanization work in our own vicinity will be told by Mr. Walkup, director of Community Service of Highland Park. Meeting at two-thirty sharp.

ELM PLACE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSET

IDEALISM OF TRAINING

Means Much to Highland Park And Its Children; Varied Educational Features Are Described

Elm Place School is a wonderful asset to Highland Park. Educational authorities are outspoken in their praise of it. They realize how unique it is; what a fine combination it affords of idealism and of practical training. The children are given such a true and wholesome grasp of the world of reality about them, as well as of the world of imagination so dear to the child mind. They love to go to school. It is fascinating to them. It is never monotonous or cut and dried; and still it does not omit the mental drill which builds up will power and ability to work.

Many people in Highland Park are familiar with Elm Place School. Some of them are parents of Elm Place children. Others of the younger generation have been pupils there themselves. But the great majority of our citizens probably have little idea of how the children are taught. For their benefit a brief sketch of the school activities follows.

Learning From Actual Experience

The modern progressive school looks upon its immediate surroundings as a rich laboratory for study and experiment whereby its pupils can in turn look out upon the larger world beyond its doors. The beginnings of the study of geography and history at Elm Place illustrate this. The children visit the gardens in the neighborhood of the school and note the products and their uses. They have a part in the planting and harvesting of an experimental garden where a great number of the important agricultural products are raised in small plots for informational purposes. In this garden last summer there were plots of various grains and grasses—wheat, rye, oats, barley, milo-maise, sorghum, broom corn, soja beans, etc., and plots of buckwheat, flax, cotton, peanuts, castor beans, potatoes, etc. A larger plot was planted with field corn so that the upper grade children might have plenty of complete stalks for their study of the corn plant in September and that there might be a whole shock of fodder for the autumn festival. The first grade pupils had a big crop of pumpkins for distribution among the primary rooms at halloween time, etc.

Glimpses of Farm Life

The third grade pupils make two excursions to well-equipped farms each year. In the spring they go to see the farmer planting his fields and they go back in October or November to list the products and find what use he makes of his crops. Sometimes the pupils are able to bring back a fleece and then one of the mothers who recollects her skill of former days comes to card out the wool and spin it into yarn on the spinning wheel owned by the school. On one of these trips the pupils visit a well-appointed dairy farm and considerable attention is paid to questions of sanitation and the distribution of milk products. These trips and investigations are made the basis of much drawing and written work, the preparation of spelling lists, of a book of new words properly alphabetized—a very interesting motive for work in spelling and reading and writing.

Seeing How Industry Actually Carries On

In the next grade these same pupils make a trip to Waukegan to see a typical manufacturing city. They visit the freight docks and the fisheries and see the catch unloaded and (Continued on Page 5)

BUSINESS MEN HAVE SUCCESSFUL DINNER

Meet at Moraine Hotel Tuesday Evening; Business Session Follows

About 65 members of the Highland Park Business Men's association enjoyed an excellent dinner Tuesday evening at the Moraine hotel, as a social feature preceding the regular monthly business meeting, and the affair was one of the most successful in the history of the organization, members report.

The president of the association Herman Denzel, presided as toastmaster, and good talks were made by several members and two visitors, Mr. Bowie of Texas and Mr. Cowie of Evanston.

In the business session which followed the principal matter discussed was the plan to establish a credit list for the benefit of the merchants. This matter will have further consideration.

PIONEER RESIDENT CALLED TO REWARD

MICHAEL RAFFERTY DIES

Reaches End of Life Monday; Lived Here 50 Years; Funeral Is Held on Friday

Michael Rafferty, a resident of Highland Park for half a century, passed to his reward Monday, March 5 when his death occurred at 8:45 p. m., at the residence of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Farmer, 315 Oakwood avenue. He had been ill for about a week, suffering from pneumonia.

Mr. Rafferty was born 69 years ago in Wigtownshire, Scotland and came to Highland Park direct from the old land about 50 years ago, residing here until his death.

The Family

He is survived by his widow, whose maiden name was Elizabeth McNeil, and nine children. One child is dead. The children living are James, in California; Mrs. Catherine Higgins, Mrs. Jean Ulbert and Mrs. Agnew Clark, all of Chicago, and Mrs. Marie Hall, Mrs. Margaret Farmer and Hugh, Alexander and Charles Rafferty, all of Highland Park. There are 35 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Rafferty was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and of the Fraternal Aid Union. He was in earlier years engaged in the teaming business here, but had been retired for years. He had many warm friends in the community by whom he was highly esteemed, and the family have the sympathy of all at this time.

Funeral Friday

The funeral will be held at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rev. Dr. O'Neil officiating, and burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

SUNDAY EVENING CLUB MEETS AGAIN

Especially pleasing was the meeting of the Sunday Evening club last Sunday night in the parish house of Trinity church. There was good attendance and the men sat around a cozy fire and enjoyed a songfest of old favorites, Director E. L. Walkup of Community Service leading effectively and Rev. Walter C. Bihler playing accompaniment most adequately. Tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Grundy and Misses Amborn and Bihler. The radio program of the Chicago Sunday evening club was heard with appreciation, and the club plans another good meeting next Sunday night.

GREATER HIGHLAND PARK COMMISSION

A meeting of the Greater Highland Park commission will be held at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening in the city building, at which time committees will report on progress made and plans for further proceeding will be discussed.

Petitions for annexation of territory west of the city are being circulated and largely signed by residents and property owners, members of the commission report, and the general prospect is very promising, it is believed.

3 PLAYS TO BE GIVEN AT RAVINIA TONIGHT

Tonight (Thursday) the Grace Hickox Studio Players under the direction of Mr. William Zeigler Nourse, are to give three plays at the Ravinia Village House. "Constant Mother," by John Hankin; "Gentlemen of the Road," by Charles McAvoy; "The Jewel Merchant" by James Branch Cabell are to be given.

DENTAL SOCIETY HELD BANQUET TUESDAY EVE.

On Tuesday evening, March 6, the Lake county Dental association held their meeting and enjoyed a banquet at the Y. W. C. A. Cafeteria. The twelve men and the four ladies present drew up a new constitution and by-laws. Dr. O'Neill of Chicago was the essayist of the evening.

FIND TAILOR NOT GUILTY OF CHARGES

The tailor shop of R. Davidson of Highwood was raided by officers from the state's attorney's office last Saturday on a charge of bootlegging, but no liquor was found in the premises. Mr. Davidson who has served in the army for ten years, the past five as regimental tailor for the 22nd Inf., says "that he never has, and never will be found guilty of selling liquor." He was recently honorably discharged from the army.

PRIMARY ELECTION IS NEXT TUESDAY

NO CONTEST SCHEDULED

Mayor Unopposed and Eight Are Candidates for Commissioners, All To Be Nominated

On Tuesday next, March 13, is held the city primary election. The polls will open at 6 a. m. and close at 5 p. m. Because it is a primary election voters are not required to be registered in order to exercise the franchise in this election.

Citizens interested in the welfare of Highland Park and good municipal government should make it a point to vote, and those whose business calls them out of the city during the day are urged to cast their votes before leaving in the morning, as the polls close at 5 p. m. promptly.

Mayor Unopposed

Mayor Hastings has consented to be a candidate for nomination and has no opposition. For the best interests of the city it is essential that there be elected commissioners who will work in harmony with the mayor and with one another for the best interest of the city and its people, and it is especially to be desired that commissioners nominated and elected this spring be men of business ability, able to successfully handle large affairs in a business-like manner, because in the next year or two Highland Park will expend large amounts on extensive improvements, and these sums should be spent to the best possible advantage in order that the people of the city may get the best possible value for their money. Men of business experience and responsibility are especially needed also at this time, to deal with the "Greater Highland Park" proposition to annex Deerfield township territory west of the city, upon which project a commission has just finished a thorough investigation and for which petitions are being circulated in the territory which it is proposed to annex.

Candidates for Commissioners

There are eight candidates for commissioners on the ballot, all of whom will be nominated at the primary March 13, and four elected at the city election, April 17. John L. (Continued on page 6)

ARRANGE FOR OLD TIMES ENTERTAINMENT HERE

Arrangements are being made for an Old Times entertainment to be given in the Elm Place auditorium within a few weeks. The program to be given will consist of pictures, reminiscences and perhaps portrayals of school days and town happenings before the year 1900. Anyone owning or knowing of any pictures of school life, class pictures or groups of town peoples, buildings, etc., prior to that date would be doing a great favor by notifying any of the committee trying to arrange such an entertainment.

Also any reminiscences of peculiar happenings or stunts of school life in earlier days will be greatly appreciated. All pictures loaned for this purpose will be cared for and returned to the owners.

Mrs. Raymond Flynn
Mrs. Thomas Winston
Mrs. Frederick Noerenberg
Mrs. George W. Childs

Y. P. S. TO HOLD ST. PATRICK'S SALE

The Young People's Society of the Presbyterian church will hold a St. Patrick's sale on Saturday, March 17. There will be cake, candy, aprons and fancy articles on sale.

In the evening a play entitled "The Florist's Shop" will be given. The public is cordially invited to attend both the sale and the entertainment.

CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNIONS TO MEET MAR. 13

On March 13, the Woman's Christian Temperance Unions of Highland Park, Lake Forest and Lake Bluff will hold a luncheon commemorating the fifteenth anniversary of their organization at one o'clock at the Lake Forest Y. W. C. A. rooms. All Highland Park members are urged to be present. Will those who are going to be present kindly call Mrs. Gordon, H. P. 762-W, for information?

D.A.R. MEETS AT HOME OF MRS. WATKINS TODAY

The North Shore Daughters of the American Revolution are holding their regular meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frederick Watson, 237 Hazel Ave. The subject is "The Amendments and the Framers of the Constitution" by Mrs. A. C. Winston. Mrs. Sillery and Mrs. Truax. The assisting hostesses are Mrs. William Bell and Mrs. Lester Williams.