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## REGULAR CITIZENS TICKET IS ELECTED

OBBE, HARBAUGH, BLETSCH

**Winners in Township Election; Laing, Silber, Onderdonk Chosen as East Park Commissioners**

In Tuesday's township election the Regular Citizens ticket was elected with large pluralities. W. J. Obbe, for supervisor, Charles I. Harbaugh, and William E. Bletsch for assistant supervisors, are the successful candidates.

In the Highland Park East Park district election Edward M. Laing and Fred D. Silber were elected commissioners for the full term of six years, and W. Holmes Onderdonk was elected for a two-year term to fill a vacancy, defeating William Witten by 102 votes.

In both elections wide interest was manifested and the vote was a comparatively large one in each instance, considering the circumstances and territory involved.

Totals for the eight precincts in the township election, according to unofficial count, are: For supervisor, W. J. Obbe, 691; Martin Ringdahl, 405; for assistant supervisor, Charles I. Harbaugh, 676; William E. Bletsch, 657; Thomas E. Dooley, 401; William E. Brand, 387.

**Township by Precincts**

The vote for each candidate in the township election by precincts is as follows, as shown by unofficial count:

Harbaugh	78	55	85	143	113	53	67	78
Obbe	106	56	79	124	112	65	79	79
Ringdahl	80	5	25	59	13	34	121	67
For Ass't Supervisor:								
Harbaugh	75	55	85	143	113	53	67	78
Bletsch	99	55	63	128	111	53	71	79
Dooley	100	2	24	49	12	44	122	56
Brand	75	2	42	44	16	35	112	58

In the Park Board election unofficial figures show the totals as follows:

Edward M. Laing, 442; Fred D. Silber, 418; William Witten, 204; W. Holmes Onderdonk, 306.

**Park Dist. Vote**

The vote for each candidate in each of the three precincts is as follows, according to unofficial figures:

1	2	3	
E. M. Laing	124	206	112
F. D. Silber	103	203	111
W. H. Onderdonk	31	147	128
W. Witten	100	91	13

**Annual Town Meeting**  
At the annual town meeting, held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the city hall, Supervisor William J. Obbe was elected moderator. His reports as supervisor and treasurer of the road and bridge committee were presented and found to be satisfactory, and a tax levy of \$5,000 for township current expenses for the ensuing year was authorized.

## W. E. BECKER BUYS GARAGE PROPERTY

W. E. Becker has purchased the garage property at 15 North St. Johns avenue from Martin Ringdahl which is occupied by the Becker Battery station and his permanent location there is an evidence of increased and successful business and rapid rise which is a matter of gratification to his many friends. Mr. Becker came here originally as manager of the



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Woods Motor Vehicle Co., in 1911 and has grown and prospered with the city until now he owns his own business and building, all of which is an asset to the city that reflects credit on Mr. Becker's popularity and business ability. He is one of the candidates for city commissioner in the election April 17.

## GRANT \$20,000 BOND ISSUE IN DIST. 111

An election held Saturday in District 111 to secure a bond issue of \$20,000 for the purpose of erecting a new addition to the Oak Terrace school was won and the bond issue granted. There were 33 votes cast, 30 in favor and three against the proposition.

## DRAMATIC EVENING IN LYCEUM COURSE

**Three 1-Act Plays To Be Given Next Monday Evening By Local Talent**

The dramatic evening of the community lyceum course will be held at the Elm Place auditorium next Monday evening. The program will consist of three one-act plays, and special care has been given to the choosing of the plays and a very well balanced program is assured.

Comedy predominates in the entire program, but it is not all comedy. The first play will be "Pandora's Box," a fairy play given by children, with Mary Louise Guyot as Pandora, and Harry Sellery as Epimetheus. The good and bad little fairies will be played by Dorothy Keller, Helen Carr, Mary Gehr, Joe Shoenthal, David Ewing and George Hutchinson.

"The Florist's Shop" with Victorine Day, Richard Booth, Tom Winston, Dorothy Laing and Hays Rhinesmith, tells a very pretty story, and has plenty of comedy. This same cast presented the play for the Y. P. S. of the Presbyterian church.

The other play will be a comedy on our every-day homelife, entitled "The Silly Ass." The cast will include Miss Keenan as the mother, Mary Gehr as the flapper daughter, Miss Stein as the modern grandmother, and Mr. Walkup as dad.

Use your family byecount course tickets for this number, if you don't happen to have one, tickets may be purchased at the door.

## NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM AT PEARL THEATRE

Charlie Chaplin in "The Pilgrim" Wed., Thursday and Fri. "3 Jumps Ahead" Sat.

The following program will be shown at Pearl Theatre next week: Sunday, Mary Miles Minter and George Fawcett in "Drums of Fate" from the novel "Sacrifice" by Stephen French Whitman; Monday and Tuesday, Dorothy Phillips in "The World's a Stage" the greatest drama of the life of an actress ever screened. Packed with sensations. Amazing in its portrayal of reality. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Charlie Chaplin in "The Pilgrim"; Saturday, Tom Mix in his latest comedy drama "3 Jumps Ahead," assisted by the master horse "Tony." Matinee at 2:30 Saturday. See program on back page of this paper.

## VESPER SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Special Musical Program Arranged for Next Sunday at Four O'clock**

Next Sunday afternoon, at four o'clock, there will be a vesper service at the Highland Park Presbyterian church. The following program will be offered:

- Organ—Meditation ..... Sturges
  - Solo—Nature's Adoration..... Beethoven
  - Organ—Marche Funebre et Chant
  - Seraphime ..... Guilment
  - Solo—The Almighty ..... Schubert
  - Organ—April ..... Hummel
  - Solo—Hallelujah ..... Fryzinger
  - Organ—Tocata in A ..... Fryzinger
- Mr. Allan B. Benedict is the organist and Mr. Louis Kreidler the soloist. All are welcome.

## LECTURE AT PUBLIC LIBRARY APRIL 10

**Mrs. Herman Rosse, Professional Landscape Gardener Will Speak**

A free, illustrated lecture on gardening by Mrs. Herman Rosse of Ravinia, will be given next Tuesday evening, April 10th, at eight o'clock, in the lecture hall of the Public library, under the joint auspices of the Woman's club and the public library of Highland Park. This lecture is open to the public and everyone who is interested in small gardens will be most cordially welcomed.

Mrs. Rosse is a professional landscape gardener, having taken her training in horticulture schools both in her native land, Holland, and in Germany. She has travelled in many parts of the world, studying all kinds and conditions. It was under her superintendence that the grounds about the Peace building at the Hague were laid out.

## CARNIVAL DANCE TO BE BIG ATTRACTION

A Carnival dance under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias No. 738 will be given at Odd Fellows hall, Friday evening, April 13th. Music will be furnished by the Vagabonds. The committee in charge are making every effort to make this one of the most affairs that has ever been given by this lodge. It is expected that the attendance will be exceptionally large.

## 75 Citizens to Give \$500 Each Towards The New Elm Place Auditorium

The Committee having in charge the raising of \$75,000 estimates that 75 gifts of \$500 each are necessary if the full amount is to be raised by popular subscription. A score or more have already been obtained, ranging from \$400 to \$1,000. 50 additional are needed.

There certainly are 50 more people in Highland Park both able and willing to give \$500 to so urgent and worthy a cause.

The problem is to find them quickly. Every week a few more are added, but this process is slow and takes so much time and effort on the part of canvassers.

It would make their task so much easier and shorter if more people would volunteer subscriptions, sending them in to the Committee.

If 75 of our citizens give an average of \$500 each, half of the \$75,000 would thus be raised, and the Committee feels confident the other half could then be obtained in smaller amounts from the great bulk of well wishers of Elm Place.

Some of our citizens have been surprisingly generous, men and women to whom a gift of \$300 to \$500 is as much of a sacrifice as ten times that amount would be to quite a few people in Highland Park. They not only give freely; they WORK.

Let's make their task a bit easier by digging down a little deeper and saving them unnecessary calls.

## LOCAL POST OFFICE BADLY HANDICAPPED FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED

**Auxiliary Clerk and Carrier Laid Off Under Department Order; No Overtime; Public Can Help**

Because of exhaustion of appropriations of the postal department for certain departments and service, the Highland Park post office is seriously handicapped by having to reduce its staff and the service in this city is correspondingly affected, so that in outlying territory only one delivery a day is possible the end of the fiscal year, June 30, when the next year's appropriation will be available.

## Two Laid Off

Postmaster Hugo L. Schneider announces that because of these conditions he has received definite instructions from Washington to curtail expenses in the matter of auxiliary clerks and carriers and to cut all overtime for regular employees. This means that one auxiliary clerk, Miss Agnes Meierhoff, who has been in the office for 11 years, and one auxiliary carrier, Floyd Hart, must be dispensed with until next year's appropriations are available. It is possible to make the department see that existing conditions are such that an exception should be made here, and the latter alternative is most unlikely, in the opinion of post office officials.

## Appeals to Public

Hence, Postmaster Schneider appeals to the public for patience and co-operation. The conditions are beyond his power to remedy, probably irremediable until new appropriations are received July 1, and in the meantime Highland Park postal service will be maintained as efficiently as possible with the reduced force at the disposal of the postmaster, under the department's regulations.

## Windows Close Earlier

In order to give more time for sorting mail in the morning the general delivery windows will be closed at 6 o'clock in the evening, instead of 6:30, giving the post office employees an extra half-hour in the morning, which must be taken off the evening thus, as no overtime is permitted, and with the force already inadequate still further reduced by the latest orders, the postmaster is squarely up against a difficult problem, to handle which he and his assistants remaining are exerting their best endeavors to make up for the handicap caused by the exhaustion of funds for auxiliary and overtime help.

## Using Every Effort

Postmaster Schneider promises that in as far as humanly possible, with the force at his disposal, effort will be made to give good service, and it is hoped that the people of Highland Park will realize the difficulty of the situation and co-operate wherever possible. In this connection the postmaster requests that the post-office phone be not used to make unnecessary inquiries, as time taken to answer the telephone must be taken from regular duties by employees overburdened.

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## "THREE LIVE GHOSTS" HILARIOUS COMEDY

To Be Given Here April 20 by North Shore Players at Pearl Theatre

Wide interest is being manifested in the appearance here April 20, of the North Shore Players, under the auspices of the local post of the American Legion, when the highly humorous comedy-drama, "Three Live Ghosts," will be presented by these popular and talented actors, in the Pearl theatre.

It is planned to give, besides the evening performance, a late matinee for the school children, at 3:45 p. m., and it is hoped that it will be possible to secure an opportunity for all the children to see this fine play.

The comedy is based on the story of three soldiers who went to France to fight in the Great War. The plot lies in the fact that all three were reported killed or missing in government dispatches, and later when they returned very much alive, many complications arise which are of notably amusing character, and the play is a scream throughout. It has made a big hit wherever presented by the North Shore Players, whose record is an enviable one and whose popularity on the North Shore is evidenced by the fact that this play has been given numerous return dates, including three times in Evanston, where it is shown again April 10.

Jessie Royce Landis is director of the play and Sidney Spiegel, Jr., is manager.

## T. P. CLARK IS NEW LOCAL GAS CO. HEAD

Several recent changes in the offices of the North Shore Gas company have resulted in the promotion of E. C. Hoskins, manager of the Highland Park office, to be commercial manager with offices at Waukegan. T. P. Clark, superintendent of distribution for the company has been promoted to succeed Mr. Hoskins as manager of the southern district formed by the union of the Highland Park and Winnetka districts. G. Sheahan is chief clerk and assistant to Mr. Clark at the Highland Park office.

L. E. Price, at a former period manager of the Highland Park office, has been appointed assistant general manager, in charge of investments and general service to the public, and O. W. Bockelov has resigned as commercial manager of the company.

Both Mr. Clark and Mr. Hoskins are well known here and have many friends who learn of their promotions with gratification. Mr. Hoskins has been with the gas company here for seven years, and Mr. Clark has been in the employ of the company for nine years. Both are efficient, faithful workers and their promotions are well merited.

## SPRING MUSICAL OF OSSOLI CLUB, TUESDAY

The spring musicale of Ossoli club will be given Tuesday afternoon, April 10th at the Highland Park club.

Jacques Gordon, concert master of the Chicago Symphony orchestra and Cooper Lawley, tenor, are the soloists with Sanford Schlussel at the piano. Mr. Gordon needs no introduction to Highland Park, since the three Gordon String Quartets Sunday afternoon concerts, this winter, although the pleasure of hearing him in the ensemble is not comparable to that of a soloist. Mr. Lawley is one of the most charming young singers. He has just won the competition at Urbana, given by the Federation of Music clubs, and is a singer with a real future.

This program is to be an exceptional one, and it is hoped that there will be a large audience to enjoy this music, and to give inspiration to the musicians.

## JUNIOR AUXILIARY PLANS BIG DANCE

On Thursday evening, April 12th at 8:30 o'clock, the Junior Auxiliary of the Highland Park Woman's club will give a dance for the members and their friends at Witten hall. A most delightful evening is promised, and a large attendance is assured.

## BENEFIT DANCE FRI. AT OAK TERRACE SCHOOL

A benefit dance will be given under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher association of the Oak Terrace school at the school tomorrow evening (Friday). The proceeds are to be used for the school to fill some great need. Tickets may be procured from the children or the teachers. Music will be furnished by Harding's orchestra of Lake Forest.

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## TWO FRIDAY FIRES CAUSE MUCH DAMAGE

ONE AT PRIN. SANDWICK'S OTHER ALFRED HILL HOUSE, GREEN BAY ROAD; ROOFS BURNED OFF; ATTICS GUTTED; LOSS COVERED

Two bad fires, that for a time looked like total loss might result, occurred Friday. In both instances exact cause is not known, but it is attributed to defective electric wiring or similar cause. The first was at the residence of principal R. L. Sandwick of Deerfield-Shields high school, 539 Forest avenue, at 11 a. m., and the second at the residence of Alfred Hill, 53 North Green Bay road, at 4 p. m.

In both cases the work of the fire department elicited hearty praise from both the owners and the many citizens who witnessed the fires and assisted in salvaging the contents of the houses, which were practically all saved, except such articles as were stored in the attic, where the fire in each instance made a clean sweep.

Because in both cases the fire had gained considerable headway before being discovered, it was necessary to use considerable water, and the lower parts of both houses sustained some water damage, making redecorations throughout necessary.

Covered by Insurance  
The damage in the Sandwick residence is estimated at about \$5,000 or \$6,000, and in the Hill house at about \$3,500, according to the owner's survey. In both cases the loss is covered by insurance.

When fire in the Sandwick residence was discovered by a neighbor smoke was rolling in clouds from the roof with here and there sharp tongues of flame piercing through. The firemen arrived promptly, and Mr. Sandwick reached the scene about the same time. Speaking of the good work done by the firemen in confining the fire to the attic and upper part of the house, Mr. Sandwick said Tuesday:

"Praise for firemen  
"The firemen did great work; when I reached the house, about the same time as the department, I saw the entire house was doomed. I did not believe that it could be saved. But the firemen plunged into the smoke-filled attic without hesitation and soon had three leads of hose in operation, with the result that the flames were checked and the fire confined to the attic and the maid's room, which was considerably damaged. The contents of the attic were burned, but by the ready assistance of kind friends and neighbors everything on the lower floors was saved, and we greatly appreciate the splendid work done by the firemen and the kind assistance given by all who helped to remove our goods."

## Second Fire

About 4 o'clock Friday afternoon the second alarm of the day came from the Alfred Hill residence, 53 North Green Bay road. Here also the attic was in flames before being discovered. Because the hose was in the tower draining, there was a little delay on arrival of the department while connections were being made, but this in no way affected the prompt attack on the fire, which was subdued much in the same manner as was that at the Sandwick residence, the firemen plunging straight into the smoke-filled attic and using the chemical and water to best advantage.

Mr. Hill also expressed appreciation of the good work done by the department in saving the house from what for a time looked like total destruction.

## Had Sold Property

In connection with the Sandwick fire it may be of interest to note that Mr. Sandwick had sold the property to Bradshaw Egan, whose residence is adjacent, Mr. Egan to remove the house and extend his own property frontage. The fire, he has assured Mr. Sandwick, will not affect the deal although Mr. Sandwick very generously offered to release Mr. Egan from his contract.

Mr. Sandwick has purchased a lot on the old Academy site and is planning to erect a fine modern residence thereon. The Sandwick family are at present with neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Carqueville, 538 Forest avenue, until further arrangements are made.

## Grass Fire

Monday morning a grass fire on Vine avenue caused somebody to give an alarm and one of the firemen went there and extinguished the blaze.

## DR. SPRAGUE TO SPEAK AT HIGH SCHOOL FRI.

Any boy interested in a summer camp should bring his parents to a short entertainment at the high school Friday, April 6th, at 7:30 to 9:00. Dr. Sprague will show pictures and tell interesting stories of camp life.