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CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION SHOWN

ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT IN

Declares That Highland Park in This Respect is Unexcelled in State; Due to Good Business Methods

Report of the annual audit of the city's books and accounts, made by William H. Witter, Chicago accountant and auditor, shows the city's financial condition to be the best in its history, reflecting further credit on the capable and business-like management of affairs under the Hastings administration.

The report shows that there is no liability in respect to current and library accounts payable, and current and library payrolls at April 30, 1923, as all April bills have been approved and paid in that month. All vouchers were examined and checked with the voucher record and all cash disbursements were found to have been made from the proper funds. The payrolls for the year were examined and found to be supported by proper evidences of employment and in accordance with the ordinances pertaining thereto. The corporate bonds and local improvement bonds and vouchers were checked and found to be in accordance with the general books and the respective individual bond records.

Substantial Balances

The report shows that the current revenue for the fiscal year, ending April 30, 1923, was \$143,594.99, and the current expenses for the same period \$109,024.93. The library revenue for the year was \$9,265.21 and the library expenses, \$5,875.31. The current cash in hand and uncollected accounts exceed the immediate liabilities by the sum of \$100,824.98, and the library cash on hand and uncollected library taxes total \$10,480.17. There are no library liabilities.

Commenting on this splendid showing the auditor says, "This insures ample funds for prompt payment of bills, particularly during the summer months when the greater part of the regular expenses are had, and I believe it would be regrettable if the present financial position was jeopardized to any considerable extent."

Continuing, the report shows that the bonded debt of the city amounts to only \$9,000, and that there is cash on hand and uncollected bond taxes in the amount of \$7,634.27, thus leaving but approximately \$2,000 in bond taxes to be further assessed in order to extinguish the entire bonded debt and interest.

Praises Administration

In concluding the report the auditor pays a high compliment to the administration and city officers and employees for their business-like and efficient performance of duties and the excellent financial showing made, declaring that in this respect Highland Park is unexcelled by any other city in the state. The report, in this regard, says:

"It has been my privilege to audit your books and generally investigate the business methods and operations of the various departments during the past eight years. During that period appropriations have not been exceeded, and neither have any funds been used for any purpose other than the one for which they were lawfully assessed and collected. The purchasing of materials, supplies and equipment is centralized, recognized business methods being used, thus securing the best prices, quality being considered. The unusual credit which the city has, on account of its financial position, is also of assistance in economical buying.

"I have found all employees of the city clerk's, city treasurer's and city collector's offices to be honest, capable and efficient, the records in those offices being accurate, complete and above any adverse criticism. All cash receipts and disbursements are cross-checked between some of these departments, thereby being insured against deficiency or inaccuracy.

Citizens Should be Proud

"In my opinion the citizens have reason to point with pride to the present financial position of their city, which, I believe, is not excelled by any other city in the state, and the mayor and commissioners can well be proud of the results of their management."

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Highland Park hospital will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, June 13 in Trinity Parish House. The meeting will begin at ten o'clock with sewing followed by election of officers. At one o'clock luncheon will be served followed by complimentary bridge and luncheon given by the president and vice-president.

FORMER ALDERMAN MOVES TO NEW YORK

Joseph Fearing Promoted to be Sales Manager of Large Paper Company

Former Alderman Joseph Fearing, a resident of Highland Park for 18 years, will leave here June 15 for his old home in New York City, where he has been called to assume the position of sales manager of the International Paper company, the largest paper manufacturing concern in the world, with an output of about 2,000 tons of paper of various kinds per day. Mr. Fearing has been in charge of the western sales agency of this company since 1901. For many years he was actively connected with city government here, acting as alderman of the Third ward from 1909 to 1914.

LOCAL MAN JOINS HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB

Oscar Lundgren Lands Pill in Box in Single Mighty Swing at Golf

Oscar Lundgren, junior partner of the Earl Gsell Drug company, is feeling his oats this week and pointing with pride to his recent initiation into the "Hole-in-One" club in high golf circles. A few days ago while playing on the Briergate course he whaled away at a ball with splendid stance and swing and drove it straight in a beautiful shot, 190 feet down the course until its flight could not be followed by the eye unaided, and when he went to follow up the stroke the ball was not in sight. After due search it was found not in the rough, but nestling securely in the pill box in the center of the green—a hole in one. No wonder Oscar is stepping high, wide and handsome these days.

LEARNING TO ENTER REAL ESTATE WORK

Will be in Local Office of the Gilbert D. Johnson & Bro. Realty Firm

Jerry Leaming of Ravinia, who has scores of warm friends in Highland Park, after finishing his third year in the University of Illinois, where he is taking examinations this week, will be associated during the summer vacation with Gilbert D. Johnson & Brother, North Shore real estate dealers. Jerry will be located in the Highland Park office with Mr. Bullard, and his many friends will be glad to see him in their midst again during the summer.

JACK HOLT, SUNDAY IN "THE TIGER'S CLAW"

Mon. and Tues., "The Little Church Around the Corner" "Wildcat Jordan," Sat.

The following pictures will be shown at Pearl Theatre next week: Sunday, Jack Holt in "The Tiger's Claw," a drama of thrills; Monday and Tuesday, the greatest of all romantic melodramas, "The Little Church Around the Corner"; Wednesday and Thursday, Thomas Meighan's latest picture based on Rex Beach's novel, "The N'er Do Well"; Friday, William Russell in "Boston Blackie"; Saturday, "Wildcat Jordan," a comedy drama which ranks among the most thrilling contributions to the photoplay screen, featuring Richard Talmadge. Matinee at two-thirty. See program on back of page of this paper.

STUDENTS VISITING H. P. PRESS OFFICE

Several Classes Inspect Printing Plant This Week; Some See "Type Lice"

High school students in battalions have been learning something of the printing and publishing business in the last few days during which four classes have visited the plant of the Highland Park Press to witness the various operations in the several departments. They were accompanied by their teachers and found the tours of inspection very interesting. The visits were not without their humorous features, one of which was the demonstration of the presence of "type lice" for the benefit of the more inquisitive.

I. O. O. F. TO ELECT OFFICERS TUESDAY

Memorial services Planned for June 12th; Rev. M. L. Thomas Deerfield, Will Speak

Sheridan Lodge No. 662 I. O. O. F. will hold their annual election of officers on Tuesday evening, June 5th. On Tuesday evening, June 12, the annual memorial services of the lodge will be held. Rev. M. L. Thomas of Deerfield will give the address. All members are urged to attend, and to bring any interested friend with them.

Enough for Me

I will not ask my brother of his creed;
Nor what he deems of doctrine old or new;
Nor what rites his honest soul may need
To worship God—he only wise and true;
Nor what he thinks of the anointed Christ;
Nor with what baptism he has been baptised

I ask not what temptations have beset
His human heart, now self-debased and sore
Nor by what wayside well, the Lord he met;
Nor what he uttered, "Go and sin no more."
Between his soul and God that business lies;
Not mine to cavi, question or despise.

I ask not by which name among the rest
That Christians go by he is named or known,
Whether his faith has ever been "professed"
Or whether proven by his deeds alone;
So there be Christhood in him, all is well;
He is my brother, and in peace we dwell.

If grace and patience to his actions speak
Or fall in words of kindness from his tongue,
Which raise the fallen, fortify the weak,
And heal the heart by sorrow rent and wrung
If he give good for ill, and love for hate—
Friend of the friendless, poor and desolate—

I find Him discipleship so true,
So full, that nothing further I demand.
He may be bondman, freeman, Gentile, Jew,
But we are brothers—walk we hand in hand
In his white life, let me the Christhood see;
It is enough for him, enough for me.

—Selected

GOLF CLUBS OPEN FOR THE SEASON

FORMALLY ON WEDNESDAY

Events on Courses in This Vicinity; Prizes Offered by The Community Club; Players Out

The golf clubs of Highland Park and vicinity opened officially yesterday with numerous events. Many of the clubs also held dinner dances on Tuesday evening which opened the season for those clubs. Following were the schedules for yesterday:

Exmoor
36 hole medal play handicap; 18 hole medal play handicap, qualifying round, June trophy.

Northmoor
9:30 a. m.—Men's field day.
2:00 p. m.—Men's Putting Contest.
3:00 p. m.—Women's Driving Contest.

3:30 p. m.—Mixed Flag Foursome.
Friday, June 1, morning and afternoon, Women's Blind Bogey.
Saturday, June 2, two man team tournament.
Sunday, June 3, 9:30 Directors Cup, qualifying.

Briergate
Briergate club opens Saturday, June 2nd with Spring tournament. Qualifying round; medal play—18 holes; Sixteen to qualify in each class, A, B, C, D; Prize to winner of each flight.

Bob O' Link
Medal Play handicap, 18 holes, morning and afternoon. Two classes AB-CD.
Low Net, 36 holes.
Two-ball Sweepstake. Morning and Afternoon.

Park District
The following events were staged at the Park District Golf club yesterday for which prizes were awarded:
Low gross for 36 holes.
1. Golf bag
2. Golf bag
3. Pair Golf hose
Two prizes to each class.
Class A. 1. club
2. Spot light
Class B. 1. club
2. Rear View mirror
Class C. 1. club
2. Inner tube
Ladies
Low gross for 18 holes
1. Golf club
2. 3 golf balls
3. Box candy
Class A. Eversharp pencil
B. Pair Goggles
C. Subscription to Dearborn Independent.

**TWO BRIDGES OPEN,
AND ANOTHER SOON**

One North and One South on Sheridan Road Repaired; Third Under Way

With the exception of a short detour north Sheridan road is now open through Highland Park, after being closed for months because of bad condition of bridges. The south Sheridan road bridge has been repaired and also the first bridge on North Sheridan. Work is in progress on the other north bridge, which will be open shortly. At present a detour of about a block at that point is all that interferes with direct communication along the popular thoroughfare.

**SHAVES AND HAIRCUTS
BECOME COSTLIER**

Local Barbers Raise Prices; New Rates to Become Effective Tomorrow, June 1

The tonsorial parlors of Highland Park have, in accordance with the increase of prices in Chicago, agreed to raise their prices. Accordingly the following prices have been inaugurated to become effective June 1. Hair cuts, sixty cents, shave thirty cents; on Saturdays and days preceding holidays hair cuts will be seventy-five cents. The shops will be open daily from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. and on Saturday and holidays 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.

ELKS TEAM DEFEATS GLENCOE WEDNESDAY

Score 11 to 3 in Fast Game on Memorial Day; Home Runs Made

The Elks team won from Glencoe in a fast and largely attended baseball game yesterday on the local diamond. The score was 11 to 3. Features of the game were home runs made by Shannon and Rudolph. Account of last Sunday's game and notice of next Sunday's match are given in another column of this paper. The score by innings yesterday was:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Glencoe	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	6	7
Elks	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	4	11	12	3

WRONG LOCATION IS GIVEN SCHOOL SALE

Not Old Fort Clinton Property, But Highwood Lots to Be Offered

It appears that inadvertently, the description of the old school property advertised for sale by the township school trustees in last week's Press was incorrectly made in the news item referring to the sale, although the location given in the trustees' advertisement of the sale was the right one. The school property to be sold is not the old Fort Clinton premises, as erroneously reported, but the old Highwood school building on the corner of Prairie avenue and High street vacated when the Oak Terrace building was erected. The old Fort Clinton school property is in the north part of Highland Park.

PLAN NEW SUBURB NEAR FORT SHERIDAN

Plans for a new \$8,000,000 North Shore suburban town, to be located on 178 acres west of Fort Sheridan and near the Old Elm Golf club, to be known as Fort Sheridan Gardens, are reported in contemplation by the Chicago Housing association. The land was purchased from the heirs of Michael Sweeney at a reported price of \$300,000. When building costs are lower work on about 750 modern homes of moderate cost will be begun, according to these plans. A business district is planned and a population of about 3,500 is expected. Streets will be winding and lots, none of which will be of less than 50 feet frontage, will be sold to heads of families who are American citizens.

SMALL ROOF FIRE ON LINCOLN PLACE

Residence of Daniel Murphy is Slightly Damaged on Tuesday

Fire caused probably by a spark from outside caused about \$100 damage to the roof of the Daniel Murphy residence on Lincoln place, Monday afternoon. The blaze was discovered by Mrs. Harrison, a neighbor, who called another neighbor, Floyd Koon. The latter hurried to the house and was applying water when the firemen arrived. The fire was soon extinguished.

MOOSE STAG MONDAY IS BIG SUCCESS

The stag given by the Loyal Order of Moose at Witten Hall, Monday evening, May 28th was a huge success. The vaudeville program put on by the best actors obtainable in Chicago was highly enjoyed by the members and their friends. Those who did not attend, surely missed a most delightful evening. Refreshments were served following the program.

HENRY LISKE HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE

A chimney fire was the cause of about \$150 damage to the residence of Henry Liske, of Sheridan avenue, Highwood this morning. The quick action of the Highwood fire department saved the house from more serious damage. The damage is fully covered by insurance.

CARD PARTY JUNE 8 AT OAK TERRACE SCHOOL

The Parents' and Teachers' association of the Oak Terrace school of Highwood will give a card and bunco party on Friday, June 8, at 8 p. m., in the auditorium of the school. The proceeds are to go to benefit the new building. Everyone is cordially invited to come and give his help.

CARPENTERS UNION TO HOLD ELECTION SAT.

The election of District Council Officer will be held Saturday afternoon from two to five o'clock by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local Union No. 461. All members are urged to attend.

COWIE COMES BACK ON HOTEL QUESTION

WRITES LETTER THEREON

Replies to Explanation of The Situation Given Last Week; Defends Petition Circulated

The following letter dated May 28, 1923, has been received from Mr. Cowie regarding the hotel situation, explained last week, and is printed without comment:

To the Editor of the
Highland Park Press:
Highland Park, Ill.
Dear Sir:—

In your issue of May 24th, you published an article concerning the Highcliffe Hotel which contains several inaccurate statements. In the interest of fairness I wish to offer the following facts:

It is stated that "at no time has a permit for the building of the proposed hotel been refused absolutely." The text of two letters dated March 25, 1922, and July 5, 1922, respectively, and signed by the Building Inspector, indicates a flat refusal of the request for a permit. The latter letter follows:

"I am returning your plans and specifications you filed with me for a proposed hotel in Highland Park. By a vote of the People of Highland Park at an election held on June 24th, the Zoning Ordinance was passed, and under its provisions cannot issue a permit for a hotel within the Residence District, the location of your proposed hotel being within the Residence District."

True, But Misleading
It is further stated that "The plans first submitted were not complete according to the code." This is true; but misleading. The first plans were only a preliminary sketch, submitted for the purpose of obtaining information as to what the City required. The latest plans were submitted October 27, 1922, and payment of fee for the permit was tendered and refused. It was not until the first part of March of this year that the question of incompleteness of plans and specifications was taken up by the City, and then only on the last day in court, four months after application for permit had been made.

As to the mandamus proceedings to bring about the granting of the permit, it is stated that "the City's counsel had permitted the plaintiffs to amend their original bill." The circuit court judge, not the City, permitted the amendment of the bill. Furthermore, it is stated that "the case came up in court, and the hotel people lost." The case has not been dismissed, but merely held over and may be reopened at any time.

Objects to "Promoters"
In this same connection, continuous use is made of the term "promoters." The connotation of this term is unjustified as all correspondence relative to the matter was carried on by the owner of the property, or by the firm of which he is a member, and as all financing of the project has long been complete.

It is the intention of the owner to live up to any and all requirements of the Building Code of Highland Park, as evidenced by the following quotation from the application for building permit which was signed by Robert R. Cowie: "and if granted the permit applied for, I will comply with all the requirements of the City Ordinances relating thereto."

Says Appeal Board Refused
The statement is also made that "It is declared by city officials that there is every probability that if the hotel promoters show good faith in plans wholly complying with the building code, by which the City must, under the Ordinance, be guided in granting or refusing permits, the difficulty about the zoning may be overcome." At the suggestion of the Corporation counsel, of the city of Highland Park, a petition was submitted to the Appeal Board of the Zoning Commission in July 1922, requesting them to extend the business district to include the hotel property. The Appeal Board did not act on the question before them, but made a report on a matter over which they had no jurisdiction, and recommended that "the permit be not granted."

When one rereads the "Petition being circulated about town," it is hard to see how it can be claimed that it is misleading and misrepresents the City of Highland Park, or how "the administration is not getting a fair deal in the matter."

The petition is as follows:
Quotes Petition
"The undersigned business men and voters of the City of Highland Park, most respectfully represent that Mr. Robert R. Cowie is the owner of two hundred feet north front on Central Avenue just east of and adjoining Witten's hall, and is and has been for a long time desirous of erecting thereon a modern fireproof six-story

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