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## HIGHLAND PARK DAY, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13

### HEAVY RAINSTORM CAUSING DAMAGE IN CITY AND COUNTY

#### SUCCESSIVE DOWNPOURS COVER ENTIRE SECTION

Streets Like Rivers and Many Premises Are Veritable Lakes From Deluges Sunday Night and Tuesday and Wednesday; Basements Filled; Roads Flooded

Terrific rains during the first part of this week added to the frequent downfalls of recent weeks have caused extensive damage in Highland Park and Lake county generally. Because of the nature and scope of the flood there is yet no definite record of the amount of the damage done, but everyone agrees that it is large, probably the greatest from a similar cause in the history of the city.

The summer has been an unusually wet one. Frequent heavy rains had soaked the ground until it could hold no more; creeks and rivers were brimful already and many residences in low places had water in their basements.

**Downpour Sunday Night**  
Then came the downpour Sunday night. That was a torrential rain, like of which has been seldom seen in these parts, and on Monday reports of choked sewers, flooded basements, impassable roads and widespread damage from such causes began to come in thick and fast.

The situation was already serious when another deluge struck the city on Tuesday night. It was even worse than that of Sunday, and it continued longer. Nearly all day Wednesday the rain fell in torrents until the streets ran curb-full in many places; low-lying lots were like lakes and ravines were rushing rivers storming to the lake.

**Deluge Damage Increases**  
The amount of damage from flooded basements and premises generally was quadrupled over night. Never in the history of the city have the street and sewer departments been kept so busy answering telephone calls for aid and never have they found worse flood conditions upon investigation.

In many basements two, three and four feet of water were found. In one or two instances it was necessary to utilize the old fire department pumper to relieve extreme cases.

Despite strenuous efforts by the city departments to take care of pressing trouble the situation grew steadily worse so long as the deluge continued, and complaints increased. Street Supervisor John Hart said that never in his experience had he encountered so serious a condition. And it may be said here that under such conditions no sewer system in any city could carry off water when it comes in such floods as have visited Highland Park in the last few days.

**Streets Flooded**  
Streets wash in many places. Through the Bloom street, Laurel avenue and Moraine road viaducts the water poured like through a mill race and automobiles passing these points found it up to the running boards Wednesday. Similar conditions were reported at many street intersections where the sewers could not carry away the water fast enough, especially in the lower places.

In some instances the flood spread from curbs to curbs and often overflowed upon lawns and gardens, some of them were entirely submerged.

Children waded in water knee deep in places where they had always been accustomed to play dryshod, and everywhere about town the cry was, "When will the rain stop falling?"

**In Skokie Valley**  
West of town in the Skokie valley conditions were even worse. Territory that is low naturally and without adequate drainage facilities suffered most. In the tract between Park avenue and Prairie avenue, several families were menaced with eviction by the rapidly rising waters, and one or two houses were hastily vacated Wednesday as the water began to encroach more and more upon the premises. The whole tract was like a lake, until a hastily dug ditch partially relieved the situation and halted the rising waters while a cessation of the downpour during the afternoon helped to improve matters everywhere.

The new concrete road between Highland Park and Deerfield west from the bridge to the railroad, was about a foot under water and West Park avenue for a mile is still one

foot to eighteen inches under water and is impassable. Several of the golf clubs had to stop play at some of the fairways and greens were a foot or more under water.

South of Highland Park beyond the county line the Dundee road was reported impassable where it crosses the Skokie and in other parts of the county many roads were badly washed out and many detours were necessitated motorists reported.

**River Out of Banks**  
The situation is so serious that a continuation of the heavy rains for a few more days may result in a disaster. The Des Plaines river is reported out of its banks in several places with a raging torrent rushing across truck gardens and farm lands and additional rains are likely to greatly aggravate the serious damage already caused in the river valley, it is feared.

The storms caused serious trouble with the telephone lines in several instances and at times the service was badly demoralized. Linemen were busy in many places making repairs.

The floods affected recent excavations where water mains, sewers and gas mains had been laid causing numerous cave-ins, but so far no accident from this source has been reported.

### CIVIC MUSIC ASS'N. REORGANIZES MONDAY

#### Choose New Name; To Combine Adults' and Children's Concerts

The Civic Music association of Highland Park, which during the past two winters has been so great an asset to the music lovers of Highland Park, met on Monday at the home of Mrs. George R. Jones and reorganized the association under the title of the Highland Park Civic Music association. Following are the officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Annette Jones, honorary president; Mrs. A. F. Byfield, chairman; Mrs. Arthur Wood, Mrs. Jay Glidden, Mrs. John Harmon, Mrs. Cary Wood Thomas and Miss Priscilla Carver, committee.

It is planned to combine the adult and children's concerts and these concerts will be held on Sunday afternoons in the Elm place auditorium.

The association hopes to present in program, the "Little Symphony Orchestra"; Business Men's Orchestra; Solo Orchestra, Mr. Eric De Lamar conducting; The Gordon Trio; Civic Orchestra; Mr. Guy Maier and Mr. Lee Pattison, famous pianists. A drive is to be conducted in the very near future for guarantors. Although the programs in the past have been a financial success and the guarantors have never been called upon, it is necessary to attain this backing as a safeguard.

### MANY ENTERTAIN AT CHAIN CARD PARTY

#### On Account of Highland Park Day, No Party Held Next Wednesday

Last week at the chain card party given by the Highland Park Woman's club many women entertained at several tables of cards, besides the many who came to play as individuals, not in a party. It is hoped that everyone who wishes to entertain at cards during this warm weather will take advantage of the parties given at the auditorium where they may entertain without any work and enjoy meeting with other club members.

On account of next Wednesday being Highland Park Day the usual party will not be given. On the following week the parties will continue and it is hoped a large number will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending.

### CHILDREN ENJOYING RAVINIA PROGRAMS

#### SPECIALS ON THURSDAYS

Interesting and Pleasing Features of Week; Operas to be Presented During Next Ten Days

One of the most interesting and pleasing features of last week's Ravinia program was the Carnival day feature with circus parade and ring performance presented by North Shore children and the Children's Civic theatre of Chicago. Tecumseh, a full-blooded Dakota Indian who lives in Winnetka, appeared in the ward dress of his tribe and sang songs of his tribe. The circus with the traditional parade and other features was greatly enjoyed by the kiddies. Music was furnished by Great Lakes Naval Station band.



MERLE ALCOCK

**Remainder of Week**  
For this afternoon another pleasing program is prepared for the children, beginning at 3 o'clock. Orchestra selections form the initial part of the program, and following intermission will be presented "Young Artists' Program," with Mollie Oppen, Horace Stroh, Mischa Zukovsky and other interesting talent.

This evening the opera is "Martha," with Pareto, Bourskaya, Lauri-Volpi, Lazari and Ananiam. Friday, Aug. 8—"Faust," with Florence Easton as Marguerite; Giovanni Martinelli as Faust, and Lazarri, Defrere, Maxwell and Falco.

Saturday, Aug. 9.—Orchestra program in afternoon; evening, "L'Elisir d'Amore," with Graziella Paretto, Lauri-Volpi, Ballester, Ananiam, Falco.

### PLAN NURSERY FOR HIGHLAND PARK DAY

#### Woman's Club Arranging to Take Care of Small Children at the Park

The Highland Park Woman's club is planning to conduct a day nursery at Sunset Park on Highland Park day for the convenience of mothers with small children. The nursery will be equipped to care for babies and children up to four years of age, and attendants will be on hand to give the kiddies every necessary attention. Milk and crackers will be provided and care will be taken to see that this food is sanitary and wholesome. Mothers are invited to take advantage of this opportunity.

### CARD PARTY AUG. 25 TO BENEFIT HOSPITAL

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Highland Park hospital will give a bridge and mah jong party on Monday, August 25th at the Moraine hotel. The committee in charge consists of Mrs. Donald Boynton, president; Mrs. Roland Hastings, vice-president; Mrs. J. P. O'Neil and Mrs. J. F. MacKenzie and the board of directors.

### MISS RUSSELL IS NEW RELIGIOUS DIRECTOR

The committee of Religious Education of Highland Park announce that the director of religious education who will succeed Miss Kirschner is Miss Gladys B. Russell who has just given up her work as a director at the Westminster Presbyterian church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Miss Russell will begin her work here early in September.

### ST. JOHNS PAVING ORDINANCE PASSES

#### FROM CENTRAL TO ELM

Council and Improvement Board Meet; Big Water Main Extension Initiated; Other Business

At the regular sessions of the city council and the board of local improvements, held last Friday evening, action was taken on several matters of importance chief among which were passage of an ordinance providing for the paving of St. John's avenue to Elm place and the origination of an extensive program of improvement in the shape of water main installation in Deerfield road, Deerfield place, Lawrence avenue and adjacent streets, the estimated cost of the latter to be about \$81,620.

**Plan Sidewalk Construction**  
Officials present at this meeting were Mayor Hastings, and Commissioners Cheney, Card and Preston. On motion of Commissioner Preston the city engineer was instructed to prepare plans and specifications, together with estimates, etc., of the cost of construction of concrete cement sidewalks in Ravinia Highlands subdivision, Roger Williams avenue and a portion of Green Bay road, the improvement to be financed by special assessment.

Commissioner Card moved that a communication from Krenn & Dato, realtors, regarding their improvements in the Fort Sheridan Gardens subdivision be received and filed; carried.

On request of Commissioner Cheney the request of the Bob-O-Link Golf club for water be referred to Commissioner Preston, with power to act. Commissioner Cheney also moved that the depositary bond of the Highland Park State bank in the amount of \$75,000, with the Independence Indemnity company, as surety, be approved. The motion prevailed. The report of the building inspector for July was on motion, received and filed.

### Plats Approved

On motion of Commissioner Card tentative approval was accorded the plat of a proposed subdivision of part of the northeast quarter of section 27-43-12, subject to the O. K. of Jacob L. Crane, Jr., city planner. Commissioner Cheney moved approval and acceptance of Coolidge's subdivision of Lots 33 and 34 (except the easterly five feet) in Ravinia Woods subdivision. The motion prevailed. Acceptance and approval of the plat of Sunset Manor addition also was authorized, on motion of Commissioner Card.

Commissioner Cheney moved that the petitions for the division of the special assessment against Lots 33 and 34, Ravinia Woods subdivision, be accepted, and that the corporation counsel be instructed to present same to the county court for approval; carried.

### Paving Ordinance Passes

The ordinance providing for the paving of St. John's avenue from Central to Elm place was adopted on motion of Commissioner Card.

### Improvement Board Meets

At the session of the board of local improvements bids were opened for the construction of a connected system of sanitary sewers in the southeast portion of Highland Park, as follows: Subway Engineering company, \$125,000; Chas. M. Porter company, \$114,342; Michael McElliott company, \$138,993. On motion the bids were placed on file in the mayor's office for public inspection as required by ordinance.

### Water Main Extension

The board originated an extensive improvement to consist of installation of water mains in Deerfield road, Deerfield place, Lawrence avenue, Division street, Golf avenue, Bob-O-Link road, Yeager avenue, Birch avenue, Deerfield street, Skokie Valley road, Western avenue, Blodgett and Deerfield avenues. The estimated cost of the proposed improvement was placed at about \$81,620.

### BIG CELEBRATION PLANNED BY BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION

#### PARADE, BALL GAME, RACES, PRIZES; TWO BANDS

All Highland Park Folks Are Invited To Make It Their Own Holiday; Part of Net Proceeds Goes To the Park Playground Decorate Your Cars

Highland Park Day is next Wednesday, August 13. Get ready to make it the biggest civic event in the history of our splendid little city. The Business Men's Association is leaving nothing undone to make the observance a success and the public should remember that this is not a money-making project, but a holiday for all Highland Park people and for their entertainment the business men's association is endeavoring to provide a program of unequalled interest.

**Everybody Participate**  
Everybody is urged to participate in the parade in the morning. Decorate your automobiles and other vehicles and join the big procession headed by the two bands. Boys and girls are invited to decorate their bicycles and doll buggies and young and old are urged to get into the parade in some manner so that it will be representative of all sections of the city and afford an opportunity for everybody to take part in this feature. Good prizes are offered for the best decorations in each department.

**Baseball Game**  
The baseball game at 11 o'clock on the Elks' diamond promises to be the greatest exhibition of the national game ever witnessed. Why? Because Glenview is to play a return game here on Highland Park Day. Glenview won from the local Elks' team at Glenview last Sunday, 6 to 5, in an eleven-inning game, and the Elks' team is out to retrieve that defeat, and fans who saw last Sunday's game say they'll do it, too. Highwood was to play here August 13, but the Highwood team is reported disbanded, and so the game with Glenview was arranged for the big day. That means that fans from Glenview will be in force, as well as hundreds from all the surrounding country who know the reputations of the two rival teams for good baseball and the close margins of all games in which the two have been opponents.

**Other Events**  
Then, there will be all kinds of games and races and other sports in the park all afternoon, sports in which boys and girls and men and women can all join, and prizes for the winners in each are offered. In this connection, Miss Daniel, playground supervisor, is anxious that all children will participate in the games which are held in the park. Already certain groups are preparing a program under her supervision, but there will be room for all in the other games, and Miss Daniel especially emphasizes the desire that as many children as possible participate in the parade and she and her assistants will aid any who so desire in decorating bicycle, doll buggies, etc., if application is made right away.

**Games Programs**  
Some of the games arranged by the track and field committee follow:  
1. Weave the Wadmals—1st figure; 2nd figure, weaving the cloth; 3rd figure, darning; 4th figure, testing the cloth; 5th figure, rolling the cloth.  
2. Raspberry Bush.  
3. I see you.  
4. Varsovienna.

**Girls' Games**  
Girls' games are as follows:  
Ages 4 to 6—20-yard dash.  
Ages 7 to 9—30-yard dash.  
Ages 10 to 14—Chariot race.  
Ages 7 to 12—Skating race.  
Ages 9 to 12—Potato race.  
Ages 10 to 14—Relay race.  
Special—Girls' ball throwing contest.

**Boys' Games**  
Ages 4 to 6—20-yard dash.  
Ages 7 to 9—20-yard dash.  
Ages 10 to 14—Chariot race.  
Ages 9 to 12—Skating race.  
Ages 9 to 12—Potato race.  
Ages 10 to 14—Sack race.  
**Proceeds For Playgrounds**  
The feature of the plan for disposal of the receipts from the prize list this year is that the net proceeds will be donated by the Business Men to the Playground Fund. As previously explained, there is no disposition to make profit on the day's events. The Business Men simply

### PICTURES NEXT WEEK AT H. P. THEATRE

The following pictures will be presented at Highland Park theatre next week:

Tonight and tomorrow night, "Love of Women" with Helene Chadwick, Montague Love, Maurice Costello; Saturday, Herbert Rawlinson in "High Speed"; Sunday and Monday, Pat O'Malley and Fritzi Brunette in a brilliant comedy drama, "Newlyweds, 'Cause For Divorce"; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Pat O'Malley, Phillip Smalley in "Daughters of Today"; Friday, M. Glenn Hunter in "Puritan Passions"; Saturday, Jack Hoxie in "The Track Trail" also "Mind the Baby" and "Days of '49." Matinee Thursday and Saturday. See program on back page of this paper.

### IMPORTANT MEETING OF MYSTIC WORKERS

The regular meeting of the Mystic Workers of the World will be held Friday evening, August 8th. Important business matters are to be discussed and every member is urged to attend this meeting. Remember, tomorrow evening Friday.

want to give the people of Highland Park and their friends a good time, a whole day of good time, and Highland Park folks are urged to stay at home on August 13 and help make their own holiday a great success. It is our duty; let's make it a big day in every respect.  
In the prize line the chief event will be the giving away of a Studebaker touring car worth \$1180. Hundreds of other articles donated by the business men will be given away during the day, too, and the following list, while incomplete, gives some (Continued on page 14)

### HOLIDAY NEXT WEEK GET COPY IN EARLY

#### Because Press Office Will Be Closed Highland Park Day; Warning Is Given

Next Wednesday, August 13, is Highland Park Day, a civic holiday in this city, and in common with all other lines of business, the Highland Park Press purposes to observe the day. Not a wheel will turn, in this printing establishment on that day and the employees will be given opportunity to enjoy the entire day as they see fit.  
That means that copy for news and advertisements must be in this office much earlier next week. The Press will be put to rest Thursday morning, as usual, but no copy can be taken on Wednesday, as the office will be closed, and Thursday morning is too late. All copy must be in on Monday or early Tuesday for next week's issue.

### "THE MARRIAGE CHEAT" AT PEARL THEATRE

#### Tuesday & Wednesday; "Not One To Spare" Thursday and Friday

Pearl theatre will present the following pictures next week:  
Tonight and tomorrow night, Betty Compton at her best in sensational "Miami" and tonight only, Jack Dempsey in "A Society Knockout"; Saturday, Charles Jones in "Western Luck"; Sunday and Monday, Dorothy Dalton and Jack Holt in "The Lone Wolf"; Tuesday and Wednesday, Adolph Menjou, Leatrice Joy and Percy Marmont in "The Marriage Cheat" and Harry Langdon in "His New Mamma"; Thursday and Friday, Ethel Wales, Willis Marks and David Torrence in "Not One To Spare" and Jack Dempsey in "West of the Water Bucket"; Saturday, Hoot Gibson in "The Sawdust Trail." Matinee Saturday. See program on local page of this paper.