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SPECIAL ELECTION HERE NEXT TUESDAY

ANNEXATION & FRANCHISE

Voters to Pass on Taking In of Territory Northwest; Also on Right of Way for New Skokie Line

On Tuesday of next week, May 18, a special election will be held in the city of Highland Park for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the city a proposition for annexation of certain property north and west of the present city limits. At this election also the voters will pass on the proposed franchise ordinance for the North Shore Line permitting its Skokie branch track to cross Deerfield road, Clavey road, County Line road and Park avenue.

A petition signed by more than fifty per cent of the property owners and residents of the territory which it is proposed to annex has been filed with the city, and a resolution providing for the special election was recently adopted by the city council.

The territory to be annexed in this instance includes roughly all of Sections 16 and 21, the southeast quarter of Section 8, the south half of Section 9, the northeast quarter of Section 17 and the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 17.

BARN, AUTOMOBILE AND FURNITURE DESTROYED

Fire Causes Serious Loss on Premises of Thomas S. Duffy, May 6

Thomas Duffy, local furniture dealer, suffered serious loss by a fire which last Thursday morning, May 6, destroyed the barn-garage on his residence premises and the contents including a practically new Hudson sedan and a large quantity of furniture stored in the building.

The blaze started evidently in the rear and had spread extensively in the interior before it was discovered by workmen who were engaged in laying a cement walk on the opposite side. By that time the fire had gained considerable headway, and when the firemen arrived the entire structure was a mass of flames.

The total damage is estimated at about \$4,500, including the auto, valued at \$2150, which was insured, \$1,000 worth of furniture, not insured, and the building, valued at \$1,000 and insured for \$500. The cause of the fire has not been definitely determined.

PICTURES NEXT WEEK AT PEARL THEATRE

Mary Pickford in "Pollyanna," Sunday; "The Shadow on the Wall"

The following pictures will be shown at Pearl Theatre next week: Tonight and tomorrow night, Mary Carr in "Somebody's Mother"; Saturday, "In Search of a Hero" with Richard Holt also "Win, Lose or Draw"; Sunday, Mary Pickford in "Pollyanna"; Monday and Tuesday, "The Part Time Wife" with Alice Calhoun and Robert Ellis; Wednesday, Thursday, "The Shadow on the Wall" with Eileen Percy and Creighton Hale. Matinee Saturday. See program on back page of this paper.

PARK DISTRICT IN PLANS FOR PARKS

Resolution Adopted at Meeting of Board Last Night; Wading Pool

At a meeting of the board of local improvements of the East Park district last evening a resolution was adopted adhering to two proposed improvements, the condemning and improving of a tract for a park approximately 400 feet square, bounded on the west by Green Bay road, on the north by Lincoln avenue, and on the east by Oakwood avenue, and also a triangular piece of land at the intersection of Oakwood and Green Bay, measuring about 300 feet on both Green Bay and Oakwood, and about 35 feet at the north end. Bids also were opened for a proposed wading pool in Sunset Wood, the plan being to construct a small concrete wading pool there for children's use.

LADY ELKS TO HOLD CARD PARTY, MAY 21

The Lady Elks Social club will give a card party Friday evening, May 21, at the Elks Club, for Elks and their friends only. Bridge, five hundred and bunco will be played. There will be good prizes and refreshments.

Highland Park Day Wednesday, July 28; Business Men Meet

At the regular monthly meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday evening, it was decided to have the annual observance of Highland Park Day on Wednesday, July 28, under the auspices of the business men, as in former years, and it is planned this year to surpass all previous efforts in the matter of attractions to be provided for the entertainment of the public. The date is advanced this year from August to July because of the changing of the seasons in recent years.

An invitation was received from the LaSalle Chamber of Commerce to attend a LaSalle county industrial conference at Ottawa on Friday of this week, and Albert Larson and Frank Sheahan were appointed delegates from the local chamber.

A committee was appointed to attend the East Park board meeting Wednesday evening with a view to securing the construction of a dancing platform in Sunset park for Highland Park day.

The annexation proposition on which a special city election will be held next Tuesday was discussed and the sentiment of the meeting was found to be favorable to the plan.

President C. H. Witt appointed a committee composed of S. A. St. Peter, Lyle Gourley and Walter Cope to investigate the proposition for consolidation of local school districts and report at the next meeting.

A committee was appointed to visit Lake Forest and other neighboring cities where Welcome signs have been placed by Kiwanis and other clubs or organizations with a view to inspecting such signs and getting necessary information, as the local chamber plans to place such signs on all roads entering Highland Park.

FIRE DAMAGES RAIL CONSTRUCTION CAMP

Three Buildings Burned and One Badly Damaged Wednesday Near Blodgett

Fire early Wednesday afternoon destroyed three of the temporary houses at the railroad construction camp, near Blodgett, known as "Meyer's Camp" and practically ruined another. Contents also were burned. The loss is not extensive, as the camp buildings were of flimsy construction with building paper overlay.

The fire is supposed to have started in a stove. The wind was strong from the east and two or three of the shacks were in flames in a few moments. The Highland Park firemen responded to a call and with the assistance of a number of volunteer fire fighters were able to confine the blaze to the four buildings, preventing a general conflagration in the camp.

Water was obtained from a nearby slough. The Fort Sheridan department came to help, but their truck was reported damaged in striking an obstruction en route and they were unable to exert their full strength in assisting the local firemen. The fire was a spectacular one, as huge clouds of smoke drifted high before the wind across the western horizon, and hundreds of people from this city hurried west believing that an extensive fire was in progress.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PARK IMPROVEMENT

To Be Held by Park Dist. Board May 20; Those Interested Urged to Attend

A public hearing on the proposed establishment of a park on South St. Johns avenue from Laurel to Sheridan road will be held at the city hall by the East Park district board on Thursday evening, May 20, at 8:00 o'clock. Everyone interested is urged to attend, as this is a very important meeting.

CARD-BUNCO PARTY AT ST. JAMES HALL

There will be a card party at St. James' hall, Highwood, tomorrow evening, Friday, May 14, for the benefit of the building fund of the St. James church. Tables will be in readiness for those who desire to play five hundred and euchre as well as bunco. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served. A cordial invitation to the public is extended.

BE SURE TO FILE SCHEDULE BY MAY 15

The time for the return of personal property schedules has been extended to May 15th. Those not having already filed theirs should avoid penalty by returning their schedule before that time.

START ON SHERIDAN EXTENSION PROJECT

PARK PLAN ALSO IN VIEW

City Contemplates Cutting Sheridan Through, Central to Laurel; Park Board to Carry South

Preliminary steps looking to the extension of Sheridan road from Central avenue southerly as part of a plan to establish a park in a strip of land 150 feet wide along South St. Johns avenue from Laurel avenue to Sheridan road, south, were taken at the regular meeting of the city council and board of local improvements last Friday evening.

It was at the board meeting that the improvement in this connection was originated by a resolution providing for extension of Sheridan road through from Central to Laurel avenue. The estimated cost of the work is \$27,030, which is for the road building only. The cost of the land which must be obtained by purchase or condemnation proceedings is in addition.

From Laurel avenue to Sheridan road, south, the extension of the road and the parking of the strip in question is in the jurisdiction of the Park board, which will have a hearing on its part of the improvement on May 20.

At the city council meeting several ordinances were passed and other routine business received attention. The petition of Walter L. Brown for permission to install a gasoline pump in the first block east of the North Shore line, in Roger Williams avenue was referred to the commissioner of streets and public improvements. Continued on page 7

INDOOR LEAGUE IS PLAYING GOOD BALL

Games During Past Week Which Business Men's Teams Have Played Here

In the Business Men's Indoor-Outdoor league the strong Anspach Bros. team won their first game last Friday, 15 to 10, from the Notion store. Both teams hit the ball well.

Monday the Fell Clothiers broke into the winning column by beating Anspach Bros. 20-10. Fell Clothiers had one big inning when they scored most of their runs after the Anspach had a lead of 7 runs.

Tuesday the Post Office showed their strength by beating the Notion Store, 11-7. Petersen felded well for the Mailmen, while Johnny Scheskie, the star centerfielder for the Notion Store, made some brilliant catches in center.

Friday the Patten Colts and the Gas Company will play their second round game which promises to be a corker.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Patten Colts 1 0 1.000, N. S. Gas Co. 1 0 1.000, Post Office 1 1 .500, Fell Clothiers 1 1 .500, Anspach Bros. 1 1 .500, Notion Store 0 2 .000

HOOT GIBSON IN "PHANTOM BULLET"

Monday and Tuesday "Too Much Money"; "The Shamrock Handicap" Friday

Next week the following program will be shown at Aleyon Theatre. Tonight, "Pleasures of the Rich" with Helene Chadwick, Jack Mulhall, Hedda Hopper and Mary Carr; Friday, "Rustling for Cupid" with George O'Brien and Anita Stewart; Saturday, Hoot Gibson in "Phantom Bullet"; Sunday, "In Borrowed Plumes" with Marjorie Daw, Niles Welch, Arnold Daly; Monday, Tuesday, "Too Much Money"; Wednesday, Thursday, "The Far Cry"; Friday, "The Shamrock Handicap" with an all-star cast; Saturday, "The Nut Cracker." Matinee Saturday. See program on back page of this paper.

GOURLEY CO. BEGINS TWO-STORY BUILDING

Extensive building improvements have been started by John Gourley & Co., on their property on Elm place, where excavation has been begun for a two-story brick store and apartment building. The present plan is to erect a building to accommodate two stores on the first floor, with apartments above. Later the improvement will probably be extended into a total of six stores, with apartments above. The Gourley company will occupy one of the new store rooms as an office. This will be a notable improvement on Elm place and a creditable addition to the city's business district.

CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS

PLAN UNDER DISCUSSION

Under Consideration for Some Time and Still Undecided; Committee Report Favors Two Dist.

Proposal to consolidate the public schools of Highland Park into one school system with a single superintendent and under the government of a single board of education has frequently been advocated and still seems to be the logical solution of the school problem here, according to opinion in some quarters, while in others the sentiment seems to be in favor of two distinct districts, with separate control, but co-operating in the matter of election of building sites and such matters where confliction might result.

Community Survey

The matter has been under consideration in one way and another for more than a year. A committee was appointed last year by Mayor Hastings to make a survey of the situation and this committee later reported, favoring the two-district plan. This committee was authorized to continue its work with a view to obtaining ultimate agreement and probably definite action, and the problem is a live one, as indicated by the fact that at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night a committee was appointed to investigate the proposition and report back to the chamber.

So far the only definite recent survey of the school situation on record is that made by the committee appointed by the mayor, which included Messames Everett Millard, V. C. Munser, and Robert E. Seyfarth and Messrs. W. C. Shipnes, George R. Jones, Carleton Vail, Fred D. Porter, Alfred C. Meyer, Frank L. Cheney, George W. Carr and R. E. Wood.

Gets Expert Aid

This committee met on several occasions and thoroughly canvassed the situation. It had City Planner Crane make maps covering the territory affected, and secured the services of Prof. Franklin Bobbitt of the department of education of Chicago university to make a survey of the local situation.

This committee in its report unanimously favored Prof. Bobbitt's plan of obtaining school sites in locations approximately as recommended by the

S. DUNCAN CLARK TO SPEAK SUNDAY

"Life as a Newspaper Man Sees It" Topic of Well-Known Man

S. Duncan Clark, editor of the Chicago Evening Post, will give a lecture, "Life as a Newspaper Man Sees It," at the Woman's club on May 16 at 7:30. The lecture is presented under the auspices of the Sunday Evening club.

Mr. Clark is a lecturer much in demand for a variety of subjects. His experience and wide interests make him especially fitted to talk on the one he has chosen to deliver at Highland Park. The calm good sense found in Mr. Clark's editorials forms a satisfying basis for his lectures, and his gentle sense of humor gives to his observations a pleasing flavor. Those who have heard Mr. Clark speak will be glad of this opportunity to hear him again, and those who have not heard him should not fail to attend the lecture on Sunday evening. There is no admission fee.

Mr. Clark has spoken before Sunday Evening clubs in and around Chicago for a number of years. It is hoped that his first appearance before the Highland Park Sunday Evening club will bring out a large audience.

DEERFIELD LEGION PLAN CARNIVAL DANCE

Deerfield American Legion Post No. 738 is making plans for its first annual carnival dance to be given at Masonic hall and grounds, Deerfield, Saturday afternoon and evening, June 12.

This is going to be a gala affair and everyone should reserve this date. It is understood that a Buick six cylinder sedan will be given away in the evening.

I. O. L. V. TO GIVE A DANCE ON MAY 22

I. O. L. V. lodge will give a dance in Santi hall, Highwood, on Saturday evening, May 22. A good orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music and a good time is assured those who attend. The public is invited.

Ravinia Club Hears Report of Features For Coming Season

Two of the world's greatest operatic artists, Lucrezia Bori and Giovanni Martinelli, will open the Ravinia opera season with Manon Lescaut on Saturday evening, June 26. This combination of artists and opera insures a packed house and there follows a repertoire of operas and list of artists for the season, of such merit as has been unexcelled in the history of this lovely and famous woodland opera house.

On Sunday evening, June 27, Madame Butterfly will be given with Elizabeth Rethberg, the Metropolitan Opera's greatest woman singer, and Mario Chamlee. On Tuesday evening, June 29, Romeo and Juliet will be sung by Lucrezia Bori and Edward Johnson.

These interesting facts were announced at the luncheon for the Ravinia club given at the Moraine hotel, Highland Park, last Friday by Mr. Louis Eckstein. About 160 members were present, the meeting being the largest and most inspiring the club has ever held.

Mrs. Ralph Poole of Lake Forest, president of the club was in charge of the meeting and made a gracious address followed by the report of the last season's activities read by the recording secretary, Mrs. Arthur Byfield.

Mr. Eckstein in his quiet dramatic manner told of the plans for the Ravinia opera season of 1926 and there were frequent ripples of laughter also when he spoke of a few of the trials which beset the life of an impresario.

Thirty-nine operas are included in this season's roster, thirty-two of which will be selected. One of the operas, new to New York, "La Vied Breve" will be among the number.

There will be no mosquitos this summer at Ravinia "except those you bring with you," Mr. Eckstein announced; the plague to be eliminated by the method of "birth control," \$25,000 having been voted by the sanitary board for the draining of Skokie Valley.

The ticket selling campaign has already been started in the North Shore towns and this promises to be a banner year in attendance as well as in perfection of musical art.

It is announced that August 19 has been set as Highland Park day, when the children from one of the Chicago settlements will be the guests of the club and the Highland Park committee at the Thursday afternoon concert and luncheon preceding the musical treat.

A meeting of the Highland Park committee was held Tuesday at the residence of the chairman, Mrs. David M. Thomas. Those present were Messames C. B. Burridge, G. F. Goodnow, W. A. Alexander, F. E. Vaughan, J. M. Troxel, W. B. Egan, R. J. Beatty and Alexander O. Mason. Mrs. Thomas will speak before the Garden club of Deerfield soon. It is hoped that a Deerfield branch of the Ravinia club may be organized as there is much musical talent and enthusiasm among the Deerfield residents.

DEDICATE RAVINIA STATION MONDAY

Formal Opening of Fine New Depot of North Shore Line, May 17

The beautiful new \$20,000 station of the North Shore Line at Ravinia will be appropriately dedicated Monday evening, May 17th, at 8:00 o'clock, when the members of various civic organizations and citizens of Ravinia will gather at the depot and listen to short talks by officials of the road and by several citizens.

Mrs. E. F. Nolting, president of the Woman's Civic Club, and Mr. Howard H. Bede, president of the Ravinia Commission, will make short addresses.

Architecture of the new station is the same as those erected in Kenosha and Milwaukee, with brick on both sides and large columns in front, a conspicuous feature. A subway leads to the southbound track and also to the Northwestern depot. The total cost is in the neighborhood of \$25,000. All Highland Park and Ravinia citizens are welcome and are urged to attend these ceremonies.

RAVINIA CENTER TO GIVE BENEFIT PARTY

One of the most important social events for next week will be the benefit card party which is being given by the Ravinia Center of the Infant Welfare society at the Moraine hotel at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, May 18. Beautiful prizes will be awarded.

Mrs. Theodore Osborn is general chairman of the event. Tickets can be bought from Mrs. W. R. Saul, Ravinia, (Tel. H. P. 1995) or at the hotel on Tuesday.

NOTABLE EVENTS AT DEERFIELD-SHIELDS

ANNUAL SCHOOL EXHIBIT

Held This Week, and Suburban Music Festival Is Next Week; Features of the Program

Two events of especial interest are scheduled at Deerfield-Shields high school during the next week. The first is the annual exhibit of high school work, which is held Thursday and Friday evenings of this week. The other is a Suburban Musical Festival, to be held in the Deerfield-Shields auditorium Thursday afternoon and Friday evening of next week, and at Oak Park the following afternoon and evening.

Annual Exhibit The annual school exhibition is the third of this kind at Deerfield-Shields, and the work of each department is being exhibited separately, showing both completed work and also classes in regular operation under direction of members of the faculty.

Work of All Departments These exhibits include work of the classes in English, French, Spanish, Latin, etc., cooking classes, manual training, art department, history, mathematics, typewriting and commercial work, and, in fact, all the varied phases of a high school course are exemplified.

Music is provided by the high school band and orchestra, and the entertainment features include performance by glee club, numbers of the Benson string quartet, a tug of war between freshmen and sophomores and other athletic events.

Friday Evening Friday evening a puppet show will be given by the Junior Garrick workshop, followed by a group of dances. The first of these will be a clog "Swanee" by Helena Saul. A Russian folk "Hopak" dance will be given by Elizabeth Jones and Mary Louise McClellan, while Virginia Jerome, and Eleanor Kellar will follow with a Columbine and Pierrot sketch. Then a Mazurka will be given by Ellen Grieg, Lois Larson, Genevieve Geraghty, Genevieve Wolf, Elizabeth Noble, and Frances Plummer. Marching by members of the girls' gym classes will end the program.

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COMMENCEMENT IN DISTRICT NO. 108

Lincoln, Ravinia and West Ridge Schools to Unite in Single Graduation Program

Great interest is being shown this year in the commencement exercises of District 108 as all three schools, Ravinia, West Ridge and Lincoln will combine to make them a huge success. Instead of three graduation exercises all schools will contribute to a joint program. Ravinia is working hard on some interesting orchestra music. Lincoln is preparing some delightful vocal numbers and West Ridge will add their part to a most beautiful program. There will also be two choral numbers by the combined schools.

President Shipnes will present the diplomas to the three boys and girls from West Ridge, the sixteen from Ravinia and the twenty-six from Lincoln.

There will be an enthusiastic speaker who will give the address of the evening.

The idea of having all three schools combine is an innovation. The school board of District 108 is unanimous in its desire to make this the most attractive commencement in the history of the district and every effort is being made to find the best possible speaker.

As there is no auditorium large enough for this joint program at either West Ridge or Ravinia, the exercises will be held at the auditorium of the Lincoln school on June 15.

MANY VISIT GOLF LINKS OVER WEEK END

About 100 Register at Sunset Valley Club; Officers Meet Sunday

Last Saturday and Sunday were all that could be expected at the Sunset Valley Golf club, approximately one hundred registering for play, yet at no time was the course crowded.

The full force worked Sunday getting the water mains laid and the greens are now being watered regularly.

A meeting of the club officers will be held Sunday at ten o'clock in the locker room. All officers and members of committees are urged to attend.