

HIGHLAND PARK IN ILLINOIS HISTORY

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"And when we got on a cash basis and got continued city government of this kind the town began to grow. Property values rose swiftly. The city became more prosperous. We have all profited and it's a better place to live in," said Mr. Warren.

"If there is any miracle about it," went on Mr. Holmes, "The miracle is that we have been able to keep a man like Mr. Hastings as mayor for twelve years. Any good citizen might consider his duty done at the end of one term or two at the most."

"For twelve years he has been at the city hall every week-day morning except when out of the city, at exactly 8 o'clock," said Mr. Warren.

"I'd say at just about 7:55 o'clock," corrected Mr. Holmes. "He calls for the work of the day. We hand it to him. He usually has some notes due to phone calls at his home the evening before. He rings for a stenographer. He dictates letters, orders, directions."

"The work is quickly laid out. He's out of here by 8:30 to catch the train for his Chicago office," said Mr. Warren. "He is a very busy man."

"And not one morning in the twelve years has he ever shown up out of humor," said Mr. Holmes. "He has never been off-balance, has never spoken a gruff word, I've never heard him swear!"

"Every town has its chronic kickers," spoke Mr. Warren. "We've got 'em. Somebody's rooster gets into somebody else's garden, a dog chases a cat, a culvert collapses, a dead hen ruins a perfect landscape and the mayor's quiet evening is broken into by the ting-ting-a-ling of his phone."

"But the fifteenth kick of the chronic kicker is always a new case. He handles it, unruffled, just as if the kicker had never kicked before."

"And no matter how anyone kicks, when election day comes Highland Park steps right up and votes unanimously to return Samuel M. Hastings to the job of mayor," remarked Mr. Holmes.

Just about ten years ago the Association of North Shore Municipalities was formed. Eleven cities joined the organization. They are Waukegan, North Chicago, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Highwood, Highland Park, Glenview, Winnetka, Kenilworth, Wilmette and Deerfield. Samuel M. Hastings was elected president. He still holds the job.

The mayor or president of each of the municipalities is automatically a director. The organization means close and immediate co-operation in all things affecting the business of these cities. It means an immediate hook-up in police work. It means that the cities are more or less of a unit in buying power.

They swap, on request, experiences in purchasing and in letting contracts. If a contractor bumps any city on any sort of a job the other ten know all about it. All are pledged to co-operate with their fire departments in time of fire. Zoning has been standardized. Budgets are compared and successes of one town become successes of the others.

Lake Forest, Fort Sheridan and Highland Park have inter-connecting water mains. Glencoe's water system will soon be connected. This means protection for all in case of individual breakdown. The powers of the association of cities is elastic in time of crisis. Yeoman service was rendered during the World war.

Insofar as I am concerned my story isn't much of a story unless it carries some sort of message. This story, I think, carries a message and a moral. Highland Park is growing. It has progressed and spread out. It has taken in Ravinia Park, home of grand opera; established Sunset park, a wooded municipal outing place.

Within the city limits of Highland Park are five golf courses—Exmoor, Bob-o-link, Old Elm, Northmoor and the Municipal links, which are free to all citizens.

Highland Park has a "plaza development" scheme in the making which, it is estimated, will mean an expenditure of from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. Local improvements, now pending, call for an outlay of about \$2,000,000. Proposed water department expansion will cost something like \$500,000.

For the last eight years every bit of expansion and development, and it has been a period of exceptional activity, has paid for cash on the barrel head out of current revenue. Highland Park has no bonded indebtedness. Sam Hastings, mayor, business man, executive, is interested in Highland Park. He cares about as much about practical, factional politics as an air-dale cares about algebra.

COOLIDGE CRITICIZES PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

"They have government ownership abroad. It takes 23 men in Germany to move a ton of freight one mile; 24 men in Italy; 31 in Switzerland. In United States it takes only 5 men. It is interesting to note also that tending to terms of bread and butter, railroad employees in these countries show weekly earnings of about one-third those in United States. Measured by our experience, by inefficiency of service, by rate of wages paid, we have everything to lose and nothing to gain by public ownership. It would be a most perilous undertaking both to the welfare of business and the independence of the people."—President Coolidge.



JOHN BARRYMORE & MARY ASTOR



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Society, finance, industry, and fine arts mingled with profusion at the premiere of Vitaphone and John Barrymore in "Don Juan," at McVickers theatre last night.

Despite this unusual function taking place early in the theatrical season, a number of notable leaders were present to view the new invention, an achievement of the Western Electric company, Bell Telephone laboratories, Walter J. Rich, and the Warner Brothers. The sponsors for the entertainment spared nothing in arranging a program which undoubtedly will be considered the rarest musical and theatrical entertainment assembled thus far in the amusement world.

Some of the world's famous artists included Giovanni Martinelli, and Marion Talley from the Metropolitan Opera company; Mischa Elman, was seen and heard on his pet Stradivari; Anna Case, formerly of the Metropolitan Opera company, was seen and heard in a dainty Spanish opera entitled "La Fiesta," supported by the Casinos in dancing divertissements, and the Metropolitan Opera Chorus with the Vitaphone Symphony orchestra under the direction of Herman Heller.

There were incidental numbers which had a popular appeal. The New York Philharmonic orchestra of 107 musicians under the direction of Henry Hadley opened with the overture of Wagner's "Tannhauser," and at the intermission again with the overture from "Mignon." A special musical score of "Don Juan" written and arranged by Major Edward Bowes, David Mendoza, and Dr. William Art, was played by the New York Philharmonic orchestra on the Vitaphone under the direction of Henry Hadley.

Some of the distinguished persons present last night were: Edward J. Brundage, Frank O. Wetmore, Mrs. Jacob Baur, Gustavus F. Swift, Rufus C. Dawes, Alfred L. Baker, Wm. Hale Thompson, Mrs. Rockefeller McCormick, Britten I. Budd, Wm. E. Clow, W. Rufus Abbott.

Thomas E. Donnelly, Willoughby G. Walling, Albert A. Sprague, D. F. Kelly, George B. Foster, H. H. Porter, Robert B. Harshe, Art Institute director B. J. Mullaney, John M. Glenn, Oscar E. Carlstrom, attorney general Byron S. Harvey.

Arthur Aldis, Ruch C. Butler, Alfred Cowles, B. E. Sunny, James Simpson, George Hull Porter, H. Russell Ross, Eugene J. McVoy, Chas. Piez, Edward Mandel, Clarence Pellet, Herbert M. Johnson, Paul L. Udell and John L. Udell.

MORE FACTS ABOUT THIS GREAT STATE

Some Things For Which Illinois Is Noted; Leads In Many Lines

Illinois has more Phi Beta Kappa students in its universities than any other state. To be eligible for membership in this honorary fraternity, a student must have an average grade of 93 or more in his work.

Wire in Chicago's telephone system would form ten strands between the earth and moon if made into a single wire.

The last stand made by Indians against the whites in territory east of the Mississippi river was at Galena. Blackhawk led the red men.

A number of people equal to 18 times the population of the United States is carried annually on the electric railways in Illinois.

At Savannah the United States government has one of its few proving grounds—a place to test artillery.

Illinois ranged eighth among the states in exports to foreign countries during the first quarter of 1926.

There are enough high-voltage electric transmission lines in Illinois to extend from New York to San Francisco, north to Portland, Oregon, and back to New York.

Elgin has a greater variety of trees than any other community in Illinois. Some of the trees are of rare species.

Illinois ranks third among the states as a producer of moulding sand. Approximately 16.5 per cent of the United States originate in Illinois.

Blackburn college, Carlinville, is 100 per cent a self-help school. Every student entering must work while attending the school.

Although Chicago had no electric service in 1880, it has today a company with the largest output of steam-generated electricity in the world—an annual output of more than 3 billion kilowatt-hours.

Jacksonville has the only plant in the world manufacturing Ferris wheels.

The oldest wholesale grocery house west of the Alleghany mountains is

at Springfield. It was established in 1840.

Investment in telephone system in Illinois represents nearly \$27 for every person in the state.

Artificial chicken-hatching was discovered and made possible on a commercial basis in Quincy by George H. Stahl.

SCIENCE MUST BE MADE INTELLIGIBLE

Much Depends on Popularizing for Common Use; Valuable Information

Whether or not science can be successfully popularized, it must be made intelligible to the average man, according to Lothar Stoddard in his new book "Scientific Humanism," recently published by Charles Scribner's Sons. Mr. Stoddard says:

"How can the public mind be adjusted to the vast extensions of scientific knowledge—growing ever vaster and more difficult of comprehension from year to year? We may as well realize that the average layman (even the well educated layman) cannot, at first-hand acquire even a general understanding of modern science; while he is still less able to keep up with the continual stream of new discoveries in the various scientific fields.

"The only way out of the dilemma seems to be through the development of what, in the truest sense, can be called 'popular science': not superficial, inaccurate makeshifts to half-satisfy the public demand; but real enlightenment, based on sound scholarship, yet uttered in clear, intelligible and stimulating fashion. What we need is men who can follow our scientific pioneers to the remotest frontiers of the Known—and can then come back to tell us in simple, everyday speech the practical meaning of what they have seen."

One so-called economist says that our greatest danger in America is too much prosperity. But that is a peril that 100,000,000 American heroes are willing to face.

WHITE HOUSE HAS MODERN ICE BOX

Electric Refrigerator Among Recent Improvements; Some History

The White House kitchen is being equipped with an electric refrigeration system. The new equipment, Major U. S. Grant, 3rd, superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, said, has been installed in the ice box which has been in the White House since 1924.

This new attachment, it was explained, will obviate the necessity of conveying manufactured ice to the White House from the ice plant maintained by the state, war and navy departments, and which heretofore has supplied the White House ice box.

In connection with the installation of this modern refrigeration equipment, it was recalled by Major Grant that ice used by Presidents Washington, Adams, Jefferson and other early occupants of the presidential mansion was cut from the Potomac river and stored in deep trenches, which were scattered over the city. The first White House, it was declared, had an ice house built into it. This was a cellar 20 feet in diameter and 15 feet deep, with a staircase leading to its bottom.

Kennebec river ice was used shortly before the Civil war, and up until about 25 years ago natural river ice was still in use, it was recalled. Then artificial ice came into use and in 1911 the ice plant for the state, war and navy departments was constructed, which also supplied the White House.

At the outset of the Lincoln administration, Major Grant said, an improved ice box was installed at the presidential mansion and remained in use until Mr. Cleveland's first administration. It then was replaced by a larger one of a modern type, which, in turn, was used until 1924, when the present refrigerator, which has just been electrically equipped was installed.

The ministers and moral reformers are often invited to sit on the platform at the political rallies, but are seldom invited to decide who shall have the jobs.

Some of the energy devoted by the politicians to shaking the hands of the voters, might well be devoted to shaking up inefficient office holders.

Claimed undesirable traits are created by unwise training, and the young crowd can no doubt look back and see where they failed to bring up their parents as they should.

A dollar a word is considered high pay for literary productions, but it sometimes costs that to argue with a traffic cop.



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