

# Ask Me Another

Is Winnetka a better managed town than Highland Park? If you don't think so why vote for a city manager?

If we do not need a city manager, why violate the law to get one? Whom has Mr. Lewis selected for our benevolent despot?

A city manager and a commission form of government are mutually destructive. The appointment of one would violate the other. Which do you prefer to retain?

Old charter towns like Glencoe or Winnetka may need a village manager, but why impose one on Highland Park which has five department heads?

If a city manager is legally impossible under our form of government, is it honest to promise one if elected? Does Mr. Lewis stand for honesty or efficiency?

If an ordinance creating the office of city manager were passed, would it not be in violation of the statute under which we operate, and would not the payment of the salary of the manager be enjoined by the Citizens' Taxpayers Association?

Is it decent to dump all our executive and administrative powers and responsibilities in the lap of a city manager when other men are elected to perform those duties and to exercise those powers?

Does Mr. Lewis favor an ordinance creating an "Administrative Department" (like Glencoe) which shall supersede the five departments we now have under the commission form of government?

Are we a bunch of boobs who can't govern ourselves? Must we have a superman bearing the label of city manager?

Why this anxiety to be elected mayor and commissioners if the Lewis candidates plan to abdicate so soon as elected?

Will the Lewis city manager be a real manager with all the powers, duties and responsibilities invested in him by the Managerial Form of Government Act? Or will he be a stuffed shirt bearing the laundry mark of a city manager?

Is the city manager's salary to be fixed at \$7,500 or \$10,000? Who is slated for the job? Has the Citizens' Taxpayers Association consented to such a diversion of the taxpayers' money? Or will it enjoin such misapplication of trust funds?

Is it time for a change from the Commission Form of Government to the old Cities and Villages Act so we can create an office which would not be legal under our present form of government?

Does Mr. Lewis know what he is talking about? Or is he only kidding us? If he means what he says, ought not his platform be deflated and debunked?

Glencoe and Winnetka have the highest tax rates in the state. Does Mr. Lewis think the taxpayers of Highland Park will stand for a big boost in taxes to pay a city manager to do the work of the offices to which Mr. Lewis and his associates aspire?

If men of experience in municipal affairs can be elected mayor and commissioners, and if they are willing to give to their duties the time demanded, why elect other men who will turn over their jobs to a city manager of whom the voters know nothing?

If elected mayor will Mr. Lewis give up his position as president of the Highland Park Club and devote all his time to the selection of a city manager?

GEORGE A. MASON

# Shall Slander Wreck Highland Park's Orderly Growth?

The Lewis opposition in the present municipal campaign for lack of a constructive program, has resorted to abuse, distortion and falsehood concerning the city's affairs.

Confronted with an acknowledged record of achievement by the administration which established commission government; fearful lest the voters may perceive their alliances with the Citizens' Taxpayers Association, the Lewis malcontents have become mere maligners.

It seems impossible that such propaganda can prevail.

This campaign of deception, reaching its reckless height in the primary of March 8, sees the city's welfare almost within its grasp.

For just as surely as the "public works" of John Oliver, North Shore Sanitary district commissioner, have contaminated the city water supply, this mode of campaign on the primary date had poisoned the public mind.

To acknowledge it will ultimately triumph is to agree that sneers can slay sense, and turmoil and strife are more to be valued in Highland Park than ability and devotion to her welfare.

Confronting these innuendos the Coalition candidates have presented a record of achievement, based on a foundation of experience and ability.

With a deep sense of responsibility to every voter, these candidates have recounted the progress and economies that have marked twelve years' earnest effort.

The commission form of city government, established over the protest and to the dismay of some of Mr. Lewis' sponsors, is recognized as so successful as to now win that gentleman's reluctant approval.

Surely an intelligent electorate will save the city commission plan from such friends.

The city zoning ordinance and its amendments, defended with zeal and intelligence against the crowd now coveting authority, has become a paramount principle in the city's conduct. The havoc that promoters would have wrought with Highland Park's home life and suburban character was restrained by its wise provisions. Mr. Lewis' associate candidate, Mr. Gourley as Commissioner of Public Property is on record as hostile or indifferent to its provisions, as evidenced on January 8, 1926, the date of its final amendment, when he advanced the significant excuse for declining to support it that he "had not read it."

## COALITION TICKET

—For Mayor—

**FRANK L. CHENEY**

Member of Highland Park Commission for the last eight years. Last four years as finance commissioner. Officer Santiago Campaign Spanish-American War. First President of Highland Park Community Service. Chairman War Gardens Committee. Active in all war drives. President, Briar Gate Golf Club.

—For Commissioners—

**ROBERT R. BOSWORTH**

Present Chairman of Ravinia Commission. Secretary of Highland Park Citizens' Civic Committee. Former president of Illinois Athletic Club of Chicago. Served as Chairman for the First Ward of Chicago (downtown ward) in all the Liberty Loan and Red Cross Drives during world war—served seven years—1899-1906—in United States Marine Corps and United States Navy, taking part in the Boxer Rebellion in China and the Philippine Insurrection.

**WILLIAM J. BROWN**

Contractor and Builder. Has resided in Highland Park sixteen years. Active in Liberty Loan and Red Cross Drives during war.

**WILLIAM M. REAY**

Member of the Board and Comptroller of the International Harvester Co. Trustee, Kenilworth, four years. President, Village of Deerfield, two years. On Deerfield-Sibley High School Board since 1915, former president. Appointed last fall to fill vacancy on Highland Park Commission. Served on War Industry Board in Washington, D.C. during World War.

**JULIUS H. ZIMMER**

Resident of Highland Park fifty-one years. Member committee which drafted the Highland Park Building Code. Chairman of west side Liberty Loan Drives during World War.

## A PLATFORM OF PROGRESS

- 1—Strict enforcement of Zoning ordinance.
- 2—Commission form of government—No city manager.
- 3—Water Filtration Plant.
- 4—Modern up-to-date lighting system.
- 5—Restoration of Sheridan Road bridges.
- 6—Economical administration of city finances.

Guarded by this zoning ordinance, there was spent in Highland Park up to 1926, \$2,484,554.69 in public improvements. For this the fees—now mentioned so fluently and falsely—were paid at a lower rate than prevails in the neighboring cities and were paid only by those directly benefiting. Search the record but keep it straight, for not one cent came out of the city's purse!

Highland Park is justly proud of such growth, for a past record of city harmony, and an atmosphere of amity and peace. That those who indulge in ugly rumor, should now arrest its progress and imperil its future seems unthinkable.

The Coalition candidates deplore these sinister tactics but do not fear the issue. That issue is clear.

Inheriting from the then mayor, John Oliver, a tangled heritage of mangled city securities and confused records, the city commission thru sound and economical administration has given the city a lower tax rate than any of companion north shore neighbors who have experienced a similar expansion. Highland Park's affairs have been so directed as to defeat those who would have despoiled her beauty and corrupted her suburban charm for selfish reasons and who now lament the catch phrase "time for a change."

The Coalition ticket submits as its candidates, men of experience and ability, familiar with the conduct of great businesses and enterprises. To every citizen it is of the gravest consequence that the city should be guided by men with such experience and ability.

The significance of some super government such as an alien city manager with no acquaintance with or sympathy for the people of this city will immediately be reflected in the city tax rate, raising it to the heights paid by our neighbors of Glencoe and Winnetka where such rule is now in vogue.

The installation of a crystal pure water filtration system is in immediate prospect. It does not require the vivid imagination of the Lewis adherents to realize its fate should chance deliver the city to such audacious auspices. Surely John Oliver's former experiences with city contractors must make this prospect tempting indeed.

Finally, is the electorate to be maneuvered as catspaws so Ernest S. Gail, A. E. Smith, Xavier Vigeant and Olaf Lindblom may vent their grudges or shall Highland Park go forward to an orderly growth under wise guidance, with experience and ability directing its affairs.

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