

**LETTER DISCUSSES PLAYGROUND PROJECT**

**Subscriber Writes About Benefit of Tract for Use of Lincoln School**

A subscriber interested in the proposed park playground for the Lincoln school writes as follows: After all, it is only a comparatively short time since, all we had in the way of a high school, were a few rooms upstairs in the still present Brand Bros. building on southwest corner of Central avenue and Second street. The bond issue for a new high school was repeatedly defeated, until the late James Shields, conceived the idea of holding an election on July 5 a time when every farmer was busy making hay and wouldn't have time to vote and that carried the issue. After the beautiful building was completed the original objectors would bring their friends and show them and point with pride to "Our Fine High School" and so have all of us ever since.

While there is no American Institution of which Thomas Jefferson may well be called the founder of, which we should feel prouder to possess and which, due to the vital part it plays in the development of intelligence and character building of our boys and girls, then the public school. We frequently fail to take sufficient interest in anything concerning its management or welfare, much less, think of its future requirements.

During the past we paid but little attention or failed to recognize the fact, that schools have to grow and develop and be modern in order to keep step with the times and progress made in every other line, but of late years, every intelligent community is no longer satisfied to follow the example set by others, but strives to lead and so has Highland Park.

Fortunately indeed for us, that it was possible for the high and Elm Place schools to obtain additional grounds for new buildings and recreation and play, but even with those, isn't it a pity, that while we boast of so many square miles of territory belonging to our city and all the open spaces around us, and the many examples set in other sections, that our three public schools haven't more available play grounds and a landscape setting, fitting and in harmony with the buildings?

Short sightedness on the part of those before us, is all you can call it, but more than that on our part today, if we don't acquire every available foot of land wherever possible for school grounds.

Highland Park, with its present city limits, as they are fixed, has but little chance to extend its boundary lines in either direction, there may, in time to come, arise a necessity for an additional school northwest of Central avenue and Green Bay road, but as far as School District No. 108 is concerned, will it not be of greater benefit as the population grows, to keep on enlarging the Lincoln school, make it bigger, which would mean more efficient and modern, than to purchase land somewhere and build and equip another school which couldn't hope to afford the opportunity for learning as an enlarged Lincoln school?

But granted, that, even with a Lincoln school, as it is, or enlarged, the people should later on desire another school further south, what will the next generation say to us for not having acquired the four acres now located south of the school and Lincoln avenue? We can't say that we didn't know any better, for we do, we know that there is nothing this school needs more and if we only wish, days and means can and should be found to have school district No. 108 acquire title to this land. The point between Green Bay road and Oakwood isn't of great importance, no one is going to build on that point, why not use the money this point of land costs towards purchasing additional 100 feet adjoining the proposed four acres on the south, while it can be purchased?

I would go further than purchase the land, but vacate that part of Lincoln avenue located between Green Bay road and Glencoe avenue, south of the school, and use a part of the south 80 feet of the newly acquired land for a connecting street, to take the place of the vacated section. Why not? I wouldn't know of anything more patriotic to do, maintain a walk through the school grounds as a short cut for pedestrians and it would take those in autos not over three minutes longer to go the new way.

—Subscriber.

**BOWLING LEAGUE RESULTS ARE GIVEN**

**Teams Which Won During Last Week in Tourney; Games to Be Played**

The Highland Park Press won two games on Monday, March 28, from Tony's Barbers in the fifth week of the last quarter of the Business Men's Bowling league at the Majestic Bowling alleys. On Tuesday the Big Six Studebakers won all three games from the Notion Store, the Bauer Cab boys did the same to the Notion Store on Thursday. On Friday the Studebakers also drubbed the Gas Co. by winning all three.

A. Picchiotti or Picchiotti Bros. team, bowled high game of the week with a score of 243. A. Picchiotti was second with 228. Jimmy Carlson of the Press team bowled the third highest game with a score of 223.

The final games of the league are now coming to a close. Next week the winners of the league will be announced.

The schedule for next week is as follows:  
Monday, April 11—Bauer Cab vs. Big Six Studebakers.  
Tuesday, April 12—Tony's Barbers vs. Picchiotti Bros.  
Thursday, April 14—Duffy & Duffy vs. Press.  
Friday, April 15—Notion Store vs. Gas. Co.

The elimination of justice of the peace courts and the substitution of regular courts such as the municipal courts of Chicago, was discussed by Illinois legislators at a meeting recently held in Springfield.

Representatives from various Illinois cities attending the meeting were told how the total fines alone, without costs, paid in Cook county by autoists, in 1926, amounted to \$1,300,000. And of that total, only \$400,000 was collected in Chicago and \$310,000 in Cook county outside Chicago, where the costs go to the courts in many instances.

The discussion came as result of the decision of Chief Justice William Howard Taft of the United States Supreme Court, that an Ohio justice of the peace was not an impartial judge for the reason that he collected the costs in the event of conviction and hence profited by a conviction.

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Speaking of China, what is the League of Nations doing about it?

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**All Sorts of Animals and Articles Received at White House and Must Be Disposed of**

Kangaroos and bonbons, paintings and maple syrup, dags and hammered copper, season baseball passes and gorgeous rugs—these are a few of the gifts which almost daily pour in upon a president of the United States.

President Coolidge differs not at all from any other chief executive in being the recipient of a unique collection of unsolicited contributions as one can imagine. He has even been given a name,—a group of Sioux Indians having called one day recently and christened him "Bear Ribs" in their picturesque dialect.

**Rug from Syria**  
Many of the gifts sent to the White House represent the spontaneous appreciation of certain groups for manifestations of friendship on the part of the American people. Such, for example, was the presentation to President Coolidge of a huge rug which now adorns the famous Blue Room. It was made by orphans in the industrial schools of the Near East Relief in Syria, and was their way of saying "Thank You" to millions of Americans who had contributed pennies and dollars that made possible the rescue of these unfortunates from the fate which engulfed them as a result of the massacres and deportations which accompanied the world war in Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean.

Mrs. Coolidge, also, has received many gifts from these overseas children. Frequently they send her a shipment of their home-made jams; they write her letters, they mail her regularly copies of their school magazines in a half-dozen Oriental languages.

When Alice Roosevelt was married at the White House she was deluged with gifts, many of them from foreign kings and potentates. It is doubtful if any American bride ever received so many presents.

It takes no expert in the history of words to discover that "tax" comes from an old Latin term meaning "touch"—Boston Herald.

If we were appointed to the Senate and the Senate refused to seat us we wouldn't worry any, because we have been thrown out of better places than that anyhow.

A New York man who once peddled ice is now head of a ten million dollar merger. There is nothing more profitable than a pair of ice scales.

Now the horticulturists have just developed the Nordic pea, the Nordic lettuce and the Nordic asparagus. Up to this time the only blonde type of vegetable has been the carrot.

A man in New York city the other day refused to pay the barber because the barber failed to give him a hot towel. Most of the men we know would rather pay not to get one.

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