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COMMISSIONERS REPLY TO MAYOR

TAKE ISSUE WITH LEWIS

Brown, Reay and Zimmer Discuss Statements in Letter By Chief Executive Published May 26

Dear Mr. Lewis:
Some half-truths and misleading statements in your open letter in the Highland Park Press of May 26th require correction. We must all keep in mind that without truth and candor there is no common meeting ground between people for mutual benefit or constructive action. Reviewing your statements in order, we beg to say:

Blot Conferences
It is true that Messrs. Brown, Reay and Zimmer, having cemented their friendship and increased their mutual respect for each other during the election campaign, met together twice immediately after the election to discuss the situation. This was quite natural as the people had just elected three out of four Commissioners on our ticket and had similarly honored only one on your ticket. However, as we believed that it would be for the best interests of our city to forget election differences and all work together for the good of Highland Park, we decided that after May 1st, (the date of taking office) we would meet only with the entire council present.

We carried out that decision, until, on May 21st, you and your associates filed the election suit and compelled us to meet together again, which we did on Monday, May 23rd. We advised you that we were going to hold such a meeting and told you why, quite definitely. The two immediate and inevitable results of this suit are: 1st, to drag the fair name of our city in the dirt; and 2nd, to disrupt the harmony that was prevailing in the Council.

Salary Ordinance
You intimate that the Salary Ordinance was passed without conference and consideration by yourself. The facts are that, (excepting the lawyers) every salary in that ordinance had already been agreed upon, with only minor changes, by the Mayor and the four Commissioners in joint conference at special meetings called by you for that purpose. At our meeting Monday, May 23rd, we merely completed the job (as you had requested) and left it at the City Hall at eight o'clock Tuesday morning. You were advised early that afternoon that the ordinance was typewritten and ready for your final inspection.

OPEN RAVINIA PARK SEAT SALE JUNE 18

OPERA BEGINS ON JUNE 25

Box-Office to Be Open Daily at Park, 9:30 A.M. to 10 P.M. During Season; Other Information

Seats for the first week of the new season of Ravinia open air concerts, which opens Saturday night, June 25, will be placed on sale for the general public at the box office at Ravinia, Saturday morning, June 18, at nine-thirty o'clock. Mail orders will be received in the meantime and prospective purchasers who desire to make reservations by mail at this time should address the Ravinia Company, 36 South State Street, Chicago, Ill. It is necessary to advise the public that for the opening performance of the season, Saturday night, June 26, the guarantors have the first call for tickets and until these have been served it is impossible to determine what seats will be available for general sale. If mail orders cannot be filled, the money will be refunded.

Many Inquiries
For the last two weeks Mr. Eckstein has been deluged with inquiries from those who expect to attend the performances at Ravinia this season, and many questions have been asked. For the benefit of these inquirers he has issued a statement setting forth the information that is in demand. The Ravinia box office, Mr. Eckstein explains, will be open every day during the season, including Sundays, from 9:30 o'clock in the morning until ten o'clock at night. Residents of the towns from Evanston to Milwaukee may secure telephone connection with the Ravinia box office by calling Highland Park 2727. This is a double line, thereby preventing congestion as much as possible.

Plans Progressing For Celebration Of Highland Park Day

Plans for Highland Park Day, the biggest annual civic event in this city, are progressing well for the big holiday to be observed July 27 this year, and prospects are bright for the biggest day Highland Park has ever seen.

The executive committee, which is composed of the chairman of the several committees, meets every Monday evening at the Elks club to further plans for the celebration, and reports are that everything is going forward satisfactorily. The chairmen are filling up their committees, and it is expected that the complete list will be ready for publication in next week's issue of the Press.

At the meeting of the executive committee last Monday evening it was decided to give away on Highland Park Day, one of the new Dodge Bros. Senior Six cylinder sedans, valued at \$1,735, delivered. This is a real automobile with many fine improvements and will be purchased from A. G. McPherson & Son, local Dodge dealers.

Remember the date of Highland Park Day, July 27, and reserve it for celebration of the biggest and best civic holiday in the history of Highland Park.

Effort is being made to provide for the biggest parade ever held on Highland Park Day, and G. E. Bowden, chairman of the parade committee urges all citizens to decorate their automobiles and join the parade on the big day.

ELKS ESSAY CONTEST DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Prizes to Be Awarded at Flag Day Entertainment; Hon. H. F. Atwood Speaker

The Elks flag essay contest is drawing to a close and the results are most gratifying to the committee. Four hundred and twenty-five students have written essays on the general subject of the flag. Medals of gold, silver and bronze will be awarded to three from each of the senior and junior contestants respectively. Besides awarding a medal to each winner the Elks will present a beautiful silk flag, complete in every detail, to the school whose student wins first prize in the junior contest. The medals and flag are on display in Meierhoff Hardware Co.'s window.

A very delightful program has been arranged by the committee in charge. The Hon. Harry F. Atwood, head of the American Constitutional

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JUNE 14 MARKS 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLAG

Patriotism is at high tide as Flag day draws near. On this day, June 14, North Shore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will support other local programs in an endeavor to stimulate in the minds and hearts of all citizens, a sense of individual obligation to the community, to the state and to the nation, and to teach reverence for the Flag of the Union.

At 9 a. m. there will be exercises in the school; families are urged to attend.

At 8 p. m. the Elks will have a speaker of note give an address at Elm Place auditorium.

At 7:30 p. m. members of the D. A. R. are asked to meet at the home of the Regent, Mrs. Lenington, and to go in a body to the Elks entertainment.

Drawing of Proposed Ravinia Auditorium



BUILDING PERMITS SHOW GAIN IN MAY

OVER SAME MONTH IN 1926

Total For Last Month, \$309,815, Includes 25 Dwellings; List of Permits and Estimate Cost of Each

Building permits issued in May of this year show a considerable increase in estimated total value of improvements for that month in Highland Park over the corresponding month of last year. The total for May, 1927 is \$309,815, as compared with \$248,107 for May, 1926.

While building improvements have been a little slow in the early months of this year in this city, as elsewhere, probably owing to the backwardness of the season, the record for May shows a distinct advance over May of last year, and this is taken as an indication that the total for the year is likely to equal if not exceed that of 1926.

Twenty-Six Dwellings
The report of Building Inspector S. D. Morris for last month, as presented to the city council, shows that during that month there were issued permits for erection of 26 single family dwelling houses, for six alterations and for ten private garages. The total fees were \$1,074.48. Three special permits were issued with fee of \$5.19 water taps with total fees of \$122, and 19 sewer taps with fees of \$95.00.

The list of building improvements for May, 1927, with the name of the owner, location of improvement, Continued on page 10

COMMENCEMENT AT HIGH SCHOOL JUNE 16

The commencement exercises of the class of '27 of Deerfield-Shields high school will be held on Thursday, June 16, at 8:15 o'clock.

Professor Henry Pennybacker of Harvard university will be the principal speaker. He will have as his subject "The High School Boy in College". In addition Evelyn Acomb, salutatorian, will speak on the subject "What Next?" and Frances Smigowski, valedictorian, will have the subject of "Learning and Earning."

The band will play the Overture "Listedel," by Keler-Bela, and "Tannhauser March," by Wagner.

The Boys' Glee club will sing "By the Sea" by Fearis, and a mixed chorus will sing "Unfold Ye Portals" by Gounod, and "Out in the Fields," by Protheroe.

George J. McBride will then present the diplomas to the students, and the audience will sing "America."

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

The first of a series of Saturday night dances, which was given at Sunset Park last Saturday certainly met with favorable approval from the large gathering of dancers that attended. Seldom before has an orchestra at the new Sunset Park pavilion met with as great an approval as did the newly reorganized eight-piece Bluebird's, consisting of musicians from many well-known orchestras of the country. The singing director and manager, Jack Beaty, kept the dancers well entertained with the choruses of "Sam the Accordion Man," "Forgive Me," and other popular hits of the day.

Salary Ordinance Is Passed by Council On Monday Evening

At the regular meeting of the city council, held for the first time on Monday evening, the annual salary ordinance, fixing the salaries of city officers and certain employees of the city was passed providing for increases in pay in a number of instances. The motion was made by Commissioner Reay and the vote was, Yeas, Commissioners Brown, Reay, and Zimmer; nays, Mayor Lewis and Commissioner Gourley. The ordinance is published in another part of this paper.

A resolution was adopted placing the council on record as opposed to House Bill No. 414 in the state legislature which if passed would virtually deprive the city of the revenue obtained from vehicle licenses.

To Investigate Bus Route
Mayor Lewis was empowered to appoint a committee to investigate and report to the council on the matter of routing the proposed bus line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & North Shore railroad.

The report of the building inspector for May was received and filed. The clerk was authorized to inform Mr. Cabonargi that his application for permit to erect a building at Green Bay and First street, which was previously referred to the ap-

ELM PLACE SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES

Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremonies Wednesday Eve, June 15; Graduates

Annual closing exercises of the eighth grade class of the Elm Place school, District 107, will be held in the auditorium of the school on Wednesday evening, June 15, at 7:45 o'clock. The address of the evening will be made by Mr. Thomas Creigh, and the diplomas will be presented by the board of education, George E. Bliss. Musical features will be provided by the boys' and girls' choruses.

The program is as follows:
Processional March
How Lovely Are Thy Messengers Mendelssohn
Chorus
Invention
Lift Thine Eyes
Mendelssohn
Goodbye, Sweet Day
Vannah-Quick
A May Morning
Denza
March of Triumph
Nevin
Tinker's Song
Bidlin
Pirate Song
Boys' Chorus
Protheroe

RAVINIA EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS TO GIVE PLAY

Field day at Ravinia school was held last Friday, June 3, on the Ravinia grounds. The fathers acted as officials in the field and track events and the day closed with folk dances and a picnic supper.

The Ravinia eighth grade will present "Two Pills in a Bottle" by Rachel Lyman Field, and "Knave of Hearts" by Louise Saunders, Thursday night, June 9, at the village house, under the direction of Miss Helen Harding.

Following is the cast of characters:
"Two Pills in a Bottle"
Tony Sims
The Widow Sims, his mother
A Middle-Aged Gentleman
His Soul
A Seaman's Grinder
His Soul
A Scrub Woman
Her Soul
Evelyn Roskam
Ann Hogstrom
Hurt Wolff
Mark Cannmann
Werner Schulze
Walter Vette
Geraldine Clason
Helen Harrison

"The Knave of Hearts"
Yellow Rose
Blue Rose
Pompeybell, the Eighth King of Hearts
The Chancellor
The Knave of Hearts
Ursula
The Lady Violetta
A Herald
Pages
Gordon Leonard
Alfred Aldridge
Robert Legare
Frank Straight
Kenneth Long
Katherine Block
Emily Watson
Stanley Salyards

WEEKLY DANCES ARE POPULAR PASTIME

The first dance of the weekly series being conducted by Sheridan Lodge No. 662, I. O. O. F. at Sunset Park was very well attended last Thursday evening. However with a little warmer weather in view it is hoped that many more dance fans will take advantage of these weekly events. Music is being furnished by Al Sheridan's orchestra, which alone should attract a large crowd. Don't forget the dance this evening.

MUSIC STORE OPENING WILL BE NEXT WEEK

Owing to several unavoidable delays, the opening of the Wurlitzer Music Store by S. G. Carlson, in the New Highland building, has been delayed until about June 21st. Full announcement of the formal opening will be in next week's Press.

RAVINIA AUDITORIUM FUND IS INCREASED

NEW LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS
Plan is to Place Tablet in the Building Bearing Names of All Who Donate; Total Sum Sought

Subscriptions continue to come in to the Ravinia auditorium fund. The number of those who are members of the Ravinia community, and have not contributed, is rapidly decreasing. The eight teams are continuing their efforts to secure pledges from everyone. Considering the contributors' ability to give, small amounts are just as acceptable as the larger ones. It is the plan of the committee to place a bronze tablet in the new auditorium as an honor roll of those who have donated to this building. The committee hopes to include all Ravinians on this tablet.

A misstatement was made in some previous publicity as to the amount of money which the auditorium will cost. It was stated that effort is being made to raise \$65,000 from the community and that the school board plans to furnish another \$65,000. The facts are that the community is raising around \$40,000 with the expectation that the school board will be able to expend a like amount. At present \$29,000 has been pledged.

Subscriptions can be mailed to Mr. John S. Van Bergen, 236 Cedar avenue, Ravinia.

Picture of Auditorium

In this issue of the Press is printed a cut of the proposed auditorium. This is a west view of the projected building which is to occupy the site of the present Village House. It is designed by Lawrence Buck, with John S. Van Bergen and George Wallace Carr, associated architects.

This building will provide adequately for all the needs of the school children, such as facilities for music, dramatics and physical and vocational training. It will seat comfortably Continued on page 12

PIONEER CITIZEN PASSES INTO REST

MRS. H. C. CARVER DIES
Well Known and Highly Esteemed Woman, Resident Here Since 1876; Funeral Yesterday

Highland Park suffered the loss of one of its oldest and most respected citizens through the death of Mrs. C. Carver last Saturday evening. The end came peacefully as she was conversing with her daughter.

Not many of the newer residents of Highland Park, contemplating

the community as it is today, can realize the effort and example that an earlier generation had to provide to form the social life and the cultural atmosphere that we of this generation enjoy. This was the work of a select and enterprising few. Standing out among them was Mrs. Carver. Her home had for the span of half a century radiated the highest type of family and community ideals.

Born in Ohio
She was born in Columbus, Ohio, June 19, 1849, of parents of Puritan New England origin who had migrated into the Western Reserve territory of Ohio. She had come of a long line of educators, writers, and ministers of the gospel. Her father, Philander Winchester, was editor of the Painesville, Ohio, "Telegraph," and a noted abolitionist. His was a household of stern and high ideals. Mrs. Carver often later recalled with pride her father's effective part in the abolitionist movement, in which Continued on page 12

FINAL EXERCISES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 108

Eighth Grade Graduates Listed; Commencement on Evening of June 15

The graduation exercises for the Lincoln, Ravinia, and West Ridge schools will be held at the Lincoln school auditorium, on Wednesday evening, June 15, at eight o'clock.

Besides music by the Lincoln and Ridge Girls' Glee clubs and the Ravinia orchestra there will be an address by Allan D. Albert, editor of the Evanston News Index.

Following is a list of the graduates:
Lincoln School
Phyllis Dexter
Robert Morris
Thomas Glen
Armande Tomel
Lester Wetmore, Jr.
Matt Welch
Elizabeth Rankin
Jane Hart
Robert Johnston
Edward Hargrave
Marjorie Wightman
Irving Jordan
Charles Hilliard
Gladys Stearns
Walter Lips, Jr.
Frank Wickham

Ravinia School
Alfred Aldridge
Katherine Block
Geraldine Clason
Frank Straight
Evelyn Roskam
Hugh Wolf
Alton Simpson
Kenneth Long
Anne Hogstrom

West Ridge School
Robert Legare
Emily Watson
Stanley Salyards
Helen Harrison
Walter Vette, Jr.
Gordon Leonard
Werner Schulze
Mark Cannmann
Irma Helen
Irma Solo
Richard Bonn

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Several important stories, for the first page, had to be put on the inside at the last moment.