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SHORTAGE IN FUNDS OF COUNTY CHARGED

TREASURER IS ARRESTED

Four Others Also Taken for Alleged Conspiracy to Embezzle; All Out on Bonds; Story Told

Lake county is again the scene of a political and financial scandal with charges against one county officer and one former official, and others culminating in the arrest of County Treasurer Roy W. Bracher, Ira E. Pearsall, former county treasurer, Harold F. Martin, former vice-president of the defunct Security Savings bank of Waukegan, Caleb A. Busick, Winnetka, vice-president of the Barrington Oil Co., Clark C. Nye, former vice-president of the First National bank of Eureka, Kan.

These men were arrested on charges of conspiracy to embezzle county funds, the amount of the shortage alleged being \$100,000 in principal and \$33,000 in interest. The circumstances as reported in the Waukegan News are said to be as follows:

"Tip" Comes Tuesday
State's Attorney Smith says that Supervisor Arthur W. Vercoe, of Highland Park, chairman of the finance committee of the board of supervisors was "tipped off" Tuesday of last week, that all was not right with the accounts of the county treasurer and upon investigation discovered the \$100,000 shortage.

"Mr. Vercoe came to my office early Wednesday morning and acquainted me with the condition of the county treasury and after further investigation on my part, I signed complaints issued by Justice of the Peace Coulson against the five men arrested last week," declared Col. Smith.

Within a few hours after the conference with Mr. Vercoe, County Treasurer Bracher and former County Treasurer Pearsall were arrested and released in bonds of \$5,000 each by Justice Coulson and their cases set for June 25.

"Busick was arrested in Chicago on Friday by the Hargrave Detective Agency. He was released in \$5,000 bonds and his case continued to June 25.

Nye Held to Jury
"Nye was taken into custody by my detectives, in Wichita, Kan., the officer arriving with him early Saturday morning. He was questioned by me and in the afternoon taken before Justice Coulson and waived examination." (Continued on Page 2)

Athlete Contest Is Ended; Winner Named At Alcyon Tomorrow

Because of the huge influx of votes late yesterday it is impossible to announce the winner of the Most Popular Athlete contest in this week's issue of the Press. The work of counting the large number of votes received is in progress and the winner will be announced at the Alcyon theatre on Friday evening of this week. All the contestants will be present and the winner will be suitably honored. The time for receiving votes expired at midnight last night.

The contest, which has been conducted by the Highland Park Press and the Alcyon theatre has been in progress for several weeks with increasing interest on the part of the public each week, until the last week, the rush of votes surprised everybody connected with the affair. Everywhere copies of the Press were in great demand and supporters of the contestants canvassed the city in search of all the Presses they could secure in order to obtain the coupons on which to vote for the candidate of their choice. The race is a strenuous one with great interest manifested by the friends of the contestants, and the huge pile of votes which have accumulated during the contest is indication of the popularity of the boys entered.

Announcement will be made of the result of the contest at the Alcyon theatre tomorrow night, and next week's Press also will carry the complete story of the culmination of the contest.

Beq Your Pardon

In our issue of June 9 we inadvertently made the mis-statement that the membership of Ossoli consisted of 37 ladies. Thirty minutes after the Press was out, a fierce buzzing sound was heard throughout Highland Park, like unto the ominous vibrations of a swarm of angry bees.

Ladies of Ossoli accept our apologies. The intent was to announce that Ossoli had recently obtained 37 new members, through the aggressive work of its membership committee, who are planning to reach the 200 mark this summer.

Hattstrom Winner Of Press Golf Prize Sunset Valley Club

H. A. Hattstrom, with a net score of 132 and gross, 174, won the Highland Park Press golf tournament on the Sunset Valley Golf course last Sunday. The prize was a handsome silver cup. There were 70 entries. Much interest was exhibited in the tourney. The five best scores for the 36 holes were as follows:

H. A. Hattstrom, gross, 174; handicap, 42; net, 132.

Art Olson, gross, 145; handicap, 8; net, 137.

E. Inman, gross, 159; handicap, 20; net, 139.

Ed. A. Laing, gross, 151; handicap, 10; net, 141.

George Bliss, gross, 162; handicap, 18; net, 144.

In the handicap tournament for 18 holes on the same course the winners and scores were: T. L. Osborne, Jr., gross, 86; handicap, 24; net, 62; Art Olson, gross, 72; handicap, 4; net, 68; Inman, gross, 78; handicap, 10; net, 68. The prizes for the three winners are valued at seven dollars for first prize, five for the second and three for the third.

A large number of golfers were on the course both on Saturday afternoon and Sunday, and the grounds were in fine condition.

The club house is being plastered inside, and it will be completed and ready for use, which will be something greatly appreciated by the members. The flower beds about the flagstaff have been planted with petunias.

Next Sunday on this course there will be a handicap tournament for men over 45 years of age, and on Thursday, June 30, a handicap tourney will be held for ladies only.

Arrangements are being made for time reservations for playing on Saturdays and Sundays. A notice to this effect appears elsewhere in this paper.

HIGHWOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT GROWING

New Stores Open in Olander & Brown Building; Dentist Is Expected

Several new business ventures are reported in Highwood and the location of three of them is in the new Olander & Brown building. A Royal Blue store is being opened in the building at 320 Railroad avenue and William H. Cuffey of Highwood, well known in that city and with many friends in the community, is the manager. Charles Glass, who has been a well known merchant of Highwood for years, is branching out and will open a new store in the same building. He will also continue operation of his present store. Highwood also is to have a dentist, it is understood, who is expected to open an office shortly on the second floor of the Olander & Brown building.

HIGHLAND PARK DAY PLANS PROGRESSING

Good Reports at Meeting of Business Men Tuesday Eve; Other Business

Further preparations for the celebration of Highland Park Day to be celebrated this year on Wednesday, July 27, were made at the meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night. Chairmen of committees reported good progress in their various duties and indications are that this year's observance of the annual civic holiday will prove the biggest and best Highland Park day in history. All the committees are working hard toward this end and success is assured.

It was decided that a committee be appointed to solicit among members of the organization for subscriptions to the Ravinia Auditorium fund.

E. M. Laing reported that the Skokie drainage matter was being brought to the attention of members of the state legislature and it was expected that eventually action by the Chicago Sanitary district board would be obtained to co-operate with north shore boosters of the project.

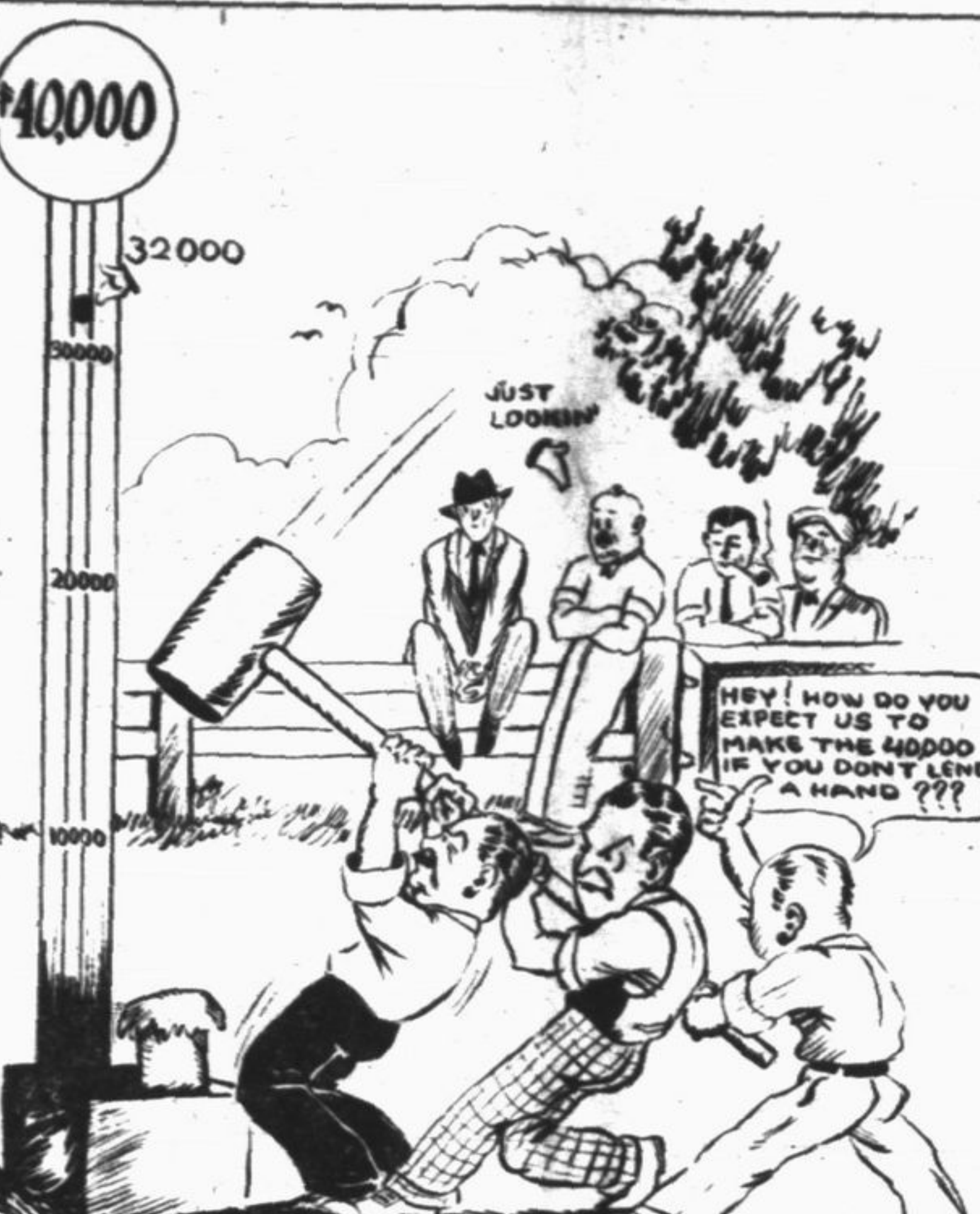
Secretary W. E. Becker announced total flood relief fund collected of \$255. This will be forwarded to the Salvation Army for use at the end of this week, so that if there are any eleventh hour donations to be made they should be sent to Mr. Becker at once.

Two new members were reported—Gus Norrien and Manager Carlson of the new Wurlitzer music store in the McKillop building.

FOURTH SATURDAY NITE DANCE ON SATURDAY

Next Saturday night the Highland Park Social club will run its fourth of a series of weekly Saturday night dances in the new open air pavilion at Sunset park. Jack Beatty will render the entertainment by singing popular solos. The Bluebird orchestra will provide the music. Everybody welcome. Refreshments will be served on the grounds.

Ravinia Auditorium Fund "Now, all together! Let's ring the bell!"



At a meeting of the school board last Thursday night the plans for the new Ravinia auditorium were submitted for the board's consideration. They not only met with the general approval of the board but Mr. John Van Bergen was employed to work up the plans and specifications in detail so that might be brought before the board for final approval. While the board's action was one of general approval only, still each member expressed himself as much pleased with the plans. It was brought to the board's attention that the plans submitted were of the general scheme desired by the various Ravinia organizations and were the result of very careful consideration of the 187 subscribers have pledged \$33,904. If only the balance of the community will now send in their signed pledge cards the job will be finished. Only about \$6,000 more to go.

POLICE ORDERED TO ENFORCE SPEED LAW

COUNCIL MOVES IN MATTER

Result of Complaints; All City to be Covered by Drive and Violators Arrested; Other Business

At the regular meeting of the city council on Monday evening a petition from property owners on Forest avenue was received requesting action to curb speeding and reckless driving on this street. The council directed the city clerk to notify the city marshal to start a vigorous campaign against speeders over the entire city, after first giving notice in the papers, and that the police department do everything in their power to see that violators receive severe penalties. A petition for moving the location of the driveway into the filling station at corner of Laurel avenue and First street was referred to the departments of streets and public improvements.

Report is Referred

The report of Engineers Windes & Marsh relative to the condition of the water system, together with their recommendation for installation of new valves, was referred to the department of public health and safety. On motion of Commissioner Goulet the report of Mr. Holmes on the (Continued on page 5)

SHUT WATER OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS TODAY

While Connections Are Made; Consumers Warned; Boil Water Is Advice

Attention is called to a special notice printed elsewhere in this paper on the authority of the city to the effect that the city water will be shut off at 1 o'clock today (Thursday) afternoon, June 23) while connections are being made with the new mains recently installed. Just how long this will take is a matter of conjecture, and it is expected the water will be off for several hours. Consumers are warned to lay in a supply in advance in order to avoid inconvenience. Here also is another important matter. The board of health warns that all city water used should be boiled during the next few weeks. The reason is that, while the water taken from the lake can be chlorinated and made safe, it is impossible to prevent a certain amount of foreign matter from creeping into the mains during the process of installation of extensive additions thereto, as is being done at present, and in order to be on the safe side boiling of water is advised.

An Open Letter to The Public; States Reason for Suit

To the People of Highland Park: As we have been accused of acting in a manner detrimental to Highland Park, we believe it to be our duty to place our case before our fellow citizens in its true light.

In bringing suit to obtain a check of the vote of the recent election, we did not care to bring unpleasant notoriety upon Highland Park, and, therefore, issued no statement in connection with the suit, preferring to have the proceeding merely one of routine. It seems, however, that those who are now so disturbed over the prospect of such a check of the votes cast, refuse to have the matter so considered, with the result that they are the ones who are now maliciously terming this suit "Highland Park's Shame."

They are now presenting for your consideration, the letters which they have caused to be printed in the Press last week, and the week before. In these letters, it was stated that the mayor is a party to the suit for a check of the votes. This statement would indicate either ignorance of the matter or a deliberate attempt to misinform the people as to the mayor's connection with this matter.

While such misrepresentations are a part of their program, there can be no peace in Highland Park, nor should there be.

Mayor Lewis is not now, nor has he ever been, a party to our suit for this check of the votes cast. It is our personal affair and we are now of the opinion that there may be more reason for the action than we at first thought, else why all the excitement over an audit? Surely every business man has his accounts audited.

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MRS. MARY DUFFY DIES AT DEERFIELD; FUNERAL

Old Resident Passes-Away Wednesday Afternoon; Service on Saturday

Mrs. Mary Duffy (nee Merriman) widow of the late Thomas Duffy, died at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, at her home in Deerfield, where she had resided for many years. She was born at Wilson, Ill., and was aged at her death, 73 years, six months and 22 days.

Children living are Peter J. Duffy, Thomas J. Duffy, and James A. Duffy. Four children are dead, William M. Duffy, Leo J. Duffy, Anna Duffy and Mrs. Mamie Walker.

Mrs. Duffy was a well known and highly esteemed resident of Deerfield and had a host of friends both in that community and in Highland Park, where she was also well known. Her death is a matter of sincere regret to all who knew her and the family have the deep sympathy of the entire community.

The funeral service will be held at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning at the Holy Cross church, Deerfield, and burial will be in the Mooney cemetery.

TWO BANDS ENGAGED FOR FOURTH OF JULY

Legion Post Making Elaborate Preparations for Annual Observance

Dumaresq Spencer post of the American Legion is making energetic preparations for its big celebration of Independence Day on Saturday evening, July 2, and all day Monday, July 4. A street carnival with many new and attractive features will be staged on First street, between Central avenue and Elm Place.

Two bands will be engaged to furnish music, one to be stationed near each end of the section of the street occupied by the carnival, and there will be plenty of other interesting and entertaining features it is promised, including display of the Buick brougham which is to be given away during the celebration.

J. M. APPEL TO HEAD STATE BANKERS BODY

In Line for Presidency at Annual Convention This Week Held at Danville

President J. M. Appel of the Highland Park State bank, who is vice-president of the Illinois Bankers association will, in the regular course of events, be elected president of that organization at its annual meeting which is held June 23 and 24 in Danville, Ill. This is a high honor for any Illinois banker and Mr. Appel and his friends appreciate it fully. Highland Park is to be congratulated on having a banker of Mr. Appel's caliber as head of a local banking institution. Mr. and Mrs. Appel and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Paul are attending the bankers' convention at Danville. Mr. Paul is vice-president of the local bank.

RAVINIA SEASON OPENS SATURDAY

"ANDREA CHENIER," OPERA

Gala Performance First Night With Noted Artists Participating; Program for Week Given

Months of careful preparation will be culminated Saturday night, June 25, when the sixteenth season of Ravinia Opera and Concerts will open with a gala performance of Giordano's dramatic opera "Andrea Chenier," with Madame Rethberg as Madeline, Giovanni Martinelli as Chenier and Giuseppe Danise as Gerrard, important roles will be filled by Madame Bourskaya, Gladys Swarthout, Jose Mojica, Desire Deffere, Louis D'Angelo and Paolo Ananian. Mr. Papi will conduct. In selecting this work as his initial offering for the season Mr. Eckstein could scarcely have made a better choice. From the time it was first introduced to Ravinia audiences it became a tremendous favorite, and Ravinia is particularly fortunate in having such artists as Madame Rethberg, Mr. Martinelli and Mr. Danise to interpret its trio of leading roles. These artists form a combination which is able to give almost new meaning to its vocal interpretation, and as a result this Giordano masterpiece, which is replete in life and color, becomes an outstanding example of the newer school of operatic composition.

Another Gala Performance
Sunday night another gala performance will be given, as the second night at Ravinia always takes rank with the first in every particular. For this occasion "Romeo and Juliet" has been scheduled, and it is gratifying that this work will bring Madame Lucrezia Bori and Mr. Edward Johnson vis-a-vis in two of the most romantic parts to be found in the whole of (Continued on page 8)

SWIMMING POOL IS NOW OPENED FOR USE

Monday the swimming pool at the high school opened for the summer and is in charge of Coach Peel, athletic director of the high school. A large number of boys and girls have entered. The schedule is as follows: 9-10 7th, 8 grade and high school freshman.

10-11—Boys, 6 to 15 years.
11-12—Girls, 6 to 15 years.
12-1—High school boys, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, highschool girls Tuesday and Thursday.
2-3—Women.

Saturdays the pool will be open only in the afternoon.

There will be a charge of twenty-five cents on Tuesday and Thursday, except to students attending the high school.

Each person swimming must furnish their own towel and bathing suit. Private lessons may be arranged by appointment.

OSSOLI CLUB TAKES A "CURTAIN CALL"

"Who'll exchange old lamps for new?" was Aladdin's alluring refrain. "Make it curtains instead of lamps and we'll go you!" is the reply of those energetic Ossolians, who have sworn that the hideous old painted drop curtain of the Highland Park club shall be replaced with modern and beautiful velvet draperies that may be drawn back in graceful folds to each side of the proscenium arch when the stage is in use.

The old drop has been condemned with a regal wave of the hand by whoever it is that goes around condemning things, so the Ossolites propose to pull a peppy bridge party at the Highland Park club, Wednesday, June 29, at two o'clock, in order to raise funds for the new equipment. All north shore residents are cordially invited. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Xavier Vigeant, 341 North Linden avenue. If you cannot come for bridge, come later, for refreshments.

LIBRARY RECEPTION POSTPONED TO JUNE 30

The public reception for Miss Cora Hendee, the new librarian at the Highland Park library, announced in last week's Press, has been postponed until next Thursday night. Detailed announcement will be made in next week's issue. All citizens of Highland Park are cordially invited to attend this welcoming next week.

MODENESE SOCIETY TO HOLD PICNIC SUNDAY

The Modenese society will give a picnic Sunday, June 26, at Zahnle's grove, one mile west of Highwood on Prairie avenue. The Blue Birds will furnish the music for dancing and the prizes that were to be given away last Sunday will be given away.