

The Highland Park Press

PIONEER MERCHANT PASSES TO REST

GEORGE F. BOCK IS DEAD

Well Known Citizen for Nearly 60 years and in Business Here Many Years; Funeral Last Sunday

George F. Bock, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Highland Park for 58 years and a prominent merchant here for over 20 years, died at 3:45 o'clock Thursday afternoon, June 30, in the Highland Park hospital, where he had been a patient for



a little more than five weeks, closing a period of ill health extending over four years.

The funeral service was held at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, in the family residence, 13 South Second street, the Rev. K. A. Roth officiating, and the Masons had charge of the ceremonies at the grave in Ridgewood cemetery, west of Glenview. The large attendance at the funeral service testified to the high regard in which Mr. Bock was held in the community.

Here Nearly 60 Years

George F. Bock was born July 4, 1869, in Chicago, and came to Highland Park with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bock, when he was about nine months old. From that time his home was here. He attended the local schools and after the death of his father he was associated with his mother in the management of their grocery store on Central avenue. (Continued on page eight)

ENTERTAIN WOMEN OF CHICAGO COMMONS

Woman's Civic Club of Ravinia Hold Annual Picnic July 13 at Village House

Under the auspices of the Woman's Civic club of Ravinia, the annual picnic for the women and children of the Chicago commons will be given on Wednesday, July 13, at the Village House.

This picnic will be under the supervision of the philanthropy committee of which Mrs. Theodore Osborne is chairman.

Anyone wishing to assist or donate money for the occasion please call Mrs. Osborne at Highland Park 1364.

FIREMEN INSPECTING BUSINESS DISTRICT

Chief Hoskin Reports Conditions Much Improved as Regards Fire Hazards

Fire Chief Hoskin and his assistants have been making a systematic inspection of the business district recently, and while the inspection is not finished, the chief reports that they have found conditions much improved over former years, as the merchants are taking better precautions in the disposal of rubbish, he says. The firemen are much pleased at the marked improvement in this line as a further safeguard against fire hazard.

K. OF P. LODGE WILL HOLD SURPRISE NIGHT

Thursday evening, July 14, Highland Park Lodge No. 738, Knights of Pythias will hold a surprise night. The second degree will be conferred and refreshments will be served. Very important business will be discussed and every member should make it a point to attend. Visiting members are also present.

Richard Hanson, Chancellor Commander.

DANCES DRAW LARGE CROWD ON THURSDAYS

The regular Thursday evening dances given by Sheridan Lodge I. O. O. F. in Sunset Park continue in popularity. Last Thursday evening's attendance was one of the largest of the season. Peppy music, a good floor, and pleasant summer evenings characterizes these delightful affairs. If you haven't already attended one of the dances be sure to do so tonight.

Condemnation Plans In 2 Park Projects Abandoned By Board

The Park board has had under way several park projects for condemnation under the special assessment plan. One was the St. John's avenue frontage between Laurel avenue and South Sheridan road, urged upon the board at two mass meetings of citizens last year, another the corner of Lincoln avenue and Green Bay road, opposite the school, for which petitions signed by several hundred taxpayers were presented to the board. The board has done its best to comply with the wishes of the large number of citizens pressing for these valuable park acquisitions, recognizing their value for protective joining purposes and school use. They have been willing to proceed only, however, if the large cost of these lands could be paid in ten or more annual installments, and have had to abandon them because of finally being put in the position of having to levy practically all the cost in one installment on the taxpayer, or of giving up the improvements.

At a meeting of the board of the Park district held last Friday, it announced that a bill before the legislature, designed to allow the cost of park condemnations to be spread over ten or twenty years, had failed of passage. The present law requires all of the cost of land so taken to be levied in the first installment, and the remainder, for improvements, to be spread over nine years. The cost of the land is almost the entire cost in the case of the parks proposed to be acquired and owing to recent decisions, it was found that there was no way around this unless a new law were passed. Consequently the board felt that the St. John's avenue and Lincoln avenue proposed parks should be abandoned for the time at least or until curative legislation could be obtained in the future. Decision on the proposed park west of the Ravinia station was deferred until the Ravinia citizens appearing at the meeting might have time to ascertain the facts and the sentiment of their citizens in regard to proceeding under the existing law.

LEGION CELEBRATION OF 4TH IS SUCCESS

Continued Tuesday Night and Is Marked by Big Attendance; Clear Neat Sum

The big Fourth of July celebration staged by the Dumaresq Spencer post of the American Legion proved a big success, despite the fact that rain intervened at times during the carnival, which began Saturday night and was resumed Monday and continued Tuesday night because of rain Monday evening.

The fine Buick landau given away was awarded Tuesday night to Ben Lundgren of Highland, and many other fine prizes were distributed. The stands did a landoffice business throughout and the attendance thronged First street between Central and Elm place at all times when the celebration was in progress.

While all bills are not in and exact figures on receipts are not yet obtainable, it is assured that the Legion post has cleared a neat sum which will be put to good use for the benefit of needy ex-service men and their families. The good work done by the Legion post in this line in the past is certain indication that this year's net receipts will go where most needed.

LIGHTNING CAUSES SUB-STATION BLAZE

Hits Power Unit at Ravinia, But Firemen Are Called; Other Recent Alarms

Lightning struck the North Shore Line sub-station at Ravinia Friday night, causing considerable damage to electrical apparatus, according to the city fire chief, Ed Hoskin. The resulting blaze was soon extinguished, and the station was out of commission only a short time.

On Saturday the firemen were called to the H. W. Murray residence 31 North Linden avenue, where smoke in the basement from a defective chimney caused alarm. There was no damage.

On July 4, sparks, supposed to have come from a passing locomotive, set fire to the roof of the W. J. Rogers residence in Burton avenue, causing damage of about \$50, Chief Hoskin estimates.

NEW LOCKER ROOM ADDED AT BEACH

The local bathing beach is popular these warm days and many residents have been taking advantage of it since its opening. A new men's and boy's locker room has been added to the facilities of the beach and this is appreciated. With a life guard in charge and a woman attendant and assistant to take care of the women's locker room, the beach is in good shape this year and largely patronized.

HIGHLAND PARK DAY FEATURES ARE MANY

BIG PARADE AND PRIZES

Lineup and Route of March Is Arranged; Merchants Urged to Decorate; Big Time In Prospect

Plans for Highland Park day, the biggest annual civic event in the city of Highland Park, are shaping themselves now in such a manner that it is not now hard to foretell that this will be the most successful Highland Park Day in a long time.

Mr. George Bowden, chairman of the Parade committee, stated that the cups that are going to be given away as prizes have been ordered, and that they will be on display in some local merchants store window soon. Be sure to look them over and decide which cup you would like to own and then enter the division of the parade in which that cup is given away as a prize.

Mr. Albert Larson, who is chairman of the Decoration committee, stated that his committee were sure planning to decorate the city and he asked for the co-operation of every merchant and individual in Highland Park in helping his committee to make this city the best decorated one along the North Shore.

Registration is now in progress for the new Dodge Bros. senior six-cylinder sedan to be given away on Highland Park Day.

Another big event has been added to the program for Highland Park Day. There will be a championship horseshoe pitching tournament at 5:00 p. m. sharp. Entries to be made on that day at the time and place of (Continued on page 5)

FEATURES NEXT WEEK AT LOCAL THEATRES

Gloria Swanson in "The Love of Sunya" at Alcyon Theatre Three Days

The Alcyon and Pearl Theatres will present the following pictures next week.

At the Alcyon, Sunday, Reginald Denny with Barbara Worth in "Fast and Furious", and Tim McCoy and Claire Windsor in "The Frontiersman" and a special vodvil feature; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Gloria Swanson in "The Love of Sunya"; Thursday and Friday, Gilda Gray in "Cabaret"; Saturday, Zane Grey's "Drums of the Desert" with an all star cast; Sunday, Colleen Moore in "Naughty But Nice."

At the Pearl Theatre, Sunday, "Silver Comes Through" with Fred Thomson and Silver King the horse; Monday, "Ladies Beware"; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Buster Keaton in "The General"; Friday "Spurs and Saddles" and "Vanity Shop Night"; Saturday, Jack Hoxie in "Grinning Guns"; Sunday, Ken Maynard in "The Devils Saddle."

DEERFIELD DAY TO BE OBSERVED TWO DAYS

August 26 and 27 Set Aside For Annual Celebration. Plans Are Under Way

"Greater Deerfield Day" will be celebrated in Deerfield on Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27. This announcement is made early so that no other celebrations will be planned for the same days.

As it is rather early to make any definite announcement as to their plans, it is quite likely the usual concessions, dance and prize-drawing contests will be held.

A complete list of the committees in charge and a resume of the plans will be published in a later issue. All residents of Deerfield and neighboring towns are urged to reserve these dates and help to make this one of the biggest features ever staged in Deerfield.

MOTOR CRUISER IS WRECKED ON BEACH

Owner, Chicago Man, Injured and Taken to Hospital Saturday Night

A 25-foot motor cruiser, the "Francis T." was wrecked in Lake Michigan off Highland Park Saturday evening when the craft drifted into a sand bar after developing engine trouble. The owner of the boat, J. McConnell, of 188 East Thirty-third street, Chicago, was removed to the Highland Park hospital suffering from a badly lacerated leg he received when he was thrown against the fly wheel of the large engine as the craft ran aground and came to a quick stop.

McConnell and his two passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Covert, of 1618 Flournoy street, Chicago, were rescued by police from the boat which was left on the beach for several days.

INTEREST KEEN IN POPULARITY CONTEST

WHIPPET ROADSTER PRIZE

Many Votes Already Cast; Young Women Eligible; Merchants Issuing Ballots; Standing of Entrants

Although the ballot box collection at the end of the first week's collection shows only a slight deposit, there is an undercurrent of great interest and keen consideration in the Young Ladies Popularity Contest.

Approximately 5,000 or more votes were given out last week by the various merchants participating along with the Alcyon and Pearl Theatres. These votes are in the hands of people who intend to do something surprising with them when the time is ripe.

Roadster is Prize

The Haak Motor Sales is responsible for the excitement. A Whippet roadster worth \$850 is to be awarded, July 25th at the Alcyon Theatre to the young lady who captures the greatest share of votes. It is estimated that over 100,000 votes will be given out by the merchants who are issuing them with each 25 cent purchase and the Alcyon and Pearl Theatres who give them with each admission ticket. The prize to be awarded is now on display on the stage of the Alcyon Theatre but it will soon be placed in the lobby there for a better and closer view of this 1927 Whippet Collegiate model.

May Be "Queen"

It is quite possible that the winner may be accepted as the Queen of Festivities for the Highland Park Day, Wednesday, July 27th. Many young ladies are reported as making a house to house canvas encouraging votes for themselves. Others are organizing little clubs and encouraging workers in their behalf. Many are doing some of their fall shopping now to get votes.

Residents of Highland Park, Highwood, Deerfield and Ravinia who are holding some of these votes are encouraged by this paper to send them in, in early time, by mail or otherwise, addressed care of this paper or the Alcyon Theatre. Inscribe carefully the name of the lady you wish to vote for.

All candidates must be between the ages of 15 and 25.

Where to Get Ballots

Votes are now obtainable at the following stores: Kiel Grocery Motor Car Electric Service Brand Bros. Sobey Market Gall Drug Store Art Olson Yellow Cab Fell Bros. Nemeroff H. P. Hardware Co. Anchor Inn Pearl and Alcyon Theatres Albert Larson

Do Shopping Now

Do your prolonged shopping now and help gladden the heart of some young lady who likes best to own her own automobile. Elsewhere in this paper is published a standing of contestants up to the time of going to press.

Each evening commencing Monday, July 11th the standing will be announced from the Alcyon stage inclusive of the count up to that time.

The standing of the contestants follows:

Standing of Contestants	
Astrid Nelson	170
Cleona M. Udell	136
Mae Farrant	52
Bertha Williams	40
Ann Smith	32
Jeanette Kendall	28

WATER TESTS SAFE; KEEP ON BOILING

Laboratory examinations of water from the tap in Highland Park made June 29th, shows a clear water, no sediment, no bacteria of the intestinal group. The water then on that day was safe for drinking without boiling. However until the installation of the new water main is completed, and the work is progressing rapidly, it will be advisable to boil all water for drinking and thus avoid any danger from dirt which might be washed in through the new main.

Examination of the water will be repeated and the results published in the Highland Park Press.

Board of Health

ALDEN GREENE TO TEACH IN EGYPT

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Greene of Linden avenue have received word of the appointment of their son, Alden, to a teaching position in the Chemistry department of the American university of Cairo, Egypt. Mr. Greene was graduated from Grinnell college on June 7 and is doing graduate work in chemistry at the University of Iowa this summer. He expects to sail early in September.

Plan Playground Programs at Park; Activities Many

Those who spent Monday at Sunset Park felt that they had had a real Fourth of July holiday. Picnic groups joined in games of soft ball, tennis, horseshoes, volleyball and badminton. Little children enjoyed playing in the sand and on the play apparatus, also frolics in the cooling waters of the wading pool.

Picnic lunches were served and in the evening voices blended with the tones from a guitar. Fireworks marked the close of a perfect day.

Directors Praise Park

The new directors of recreation at Sunset Park, Miss Thomas and Mr. Copp say that they have never seen a more ideal spot for vacation play.

Following are tentative programs for the boys and girls at the park play ground, and also features of interest for adults, who will find this a delightful place in which to pass restful evening hours:

Tentative Girls' Program

Mornings and afternoons. All ages. Activities will include the following: Stories. Handwork. Swimming at beach. Active group games. Team games. Folk dancing.

Trips—this to be such as hikes, picnics and a weekly trip to the Ravinia concert on Thursday afternoon. The wading pool is always open and is kept clean.

Evenings: Any child under 10 years of age should be accompanied by parent or an older person.

There will be more activities than ever before for the evening group. Teams will play against teams and at times the whole group will join in games together. Run Sheep Run is excellent at Sunset Park, also other hiding games are good fun.

On certain evenings the group will go with one or both directors to the beach for water sports and beach parties. No one should miss these good (Continued on page 4)

MEETING TO DISCUSS PAVING OF GREEN BAY

Informal Hearing to Be Held at City Hall July 11; Notices Sent Out

The following notices have been sent to property owners on Green Bay road and is self-explanatory:

You are hereby requested to be present at an informal hearing to be held in the City Hall, Monday evening, July 11th, at 8:00 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the possibility and advisability of paving North Green Bay road from Central avenue north to the city limits and First street from Elm place to Green Bay road. We desire all residents and property owners on these streets to be present and would appreciate it if you would pass the word along.

Yours very truly, WM. J. BROWN, Chairman, Through-Roads Committee.

GLORIA SWANSON SOON AT ALCYON THEATER

Gloria Swanson gives the greatest performance of her successful career in "The Love of Sunya," the first picture she has produced as an owner-member of United Artists. This remarkable cinema has been proclaimed by critics and thousands of movie-goers throughout the country.

Those who attend the Alcyon theater will soon see Gloria in five intensely dramatic characterizations. Her dominant personality is more attractive than ever and the excellence of her portrayals is sufficient evidence of the fact that she was supported by an enthusiastic and competent cast and staff of technicians.

GLENCOE COUPLE ARE BURNED IN EXPLOSION

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams of Glencoe are in the Highland Park hospital suffering from very severe burns sustained last week through explosion of naphtha being used in cleaning operations in the basement of their home. Mrs. Williams was most severely injured of the two. Dr. Kellogg Speed is attending them. They are reported improving. They are members of the Campbell chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

ESTIMATE THIS CITY POPULATION, 14,000

According to a comprehensive report issued by S. W. Straus & Co., regarding the population of Chicago and suburban territory, Highland Park is credited with a present population of 14,000, as compared with an estimate of 12,000 in July, 1926. The report says that the figures have been carefully collected and checked in several ways and are believed to be fairly accurate. Highwood is credited with 3,500; Deerfield, 2,440; Glencoe, 5,175; Lake Forest, 6,200; Libertyville, 3,400; Waukegan, 29,000; Wilmette, 16,000; Winnetka, 11,000; Evanston, 61,000.

RAVINIA PROGRAMS DURING THE WEEK

OPERAS TO BE OFFERED

Most of Them Have Not Been Heard This Season, Except "Aida" to Be Repeated; "Mignon" Listed

With one exception the operas selected by Mr. Eckstein for presentation at Ravinia during the week beginning Sunday, July 10th, are all works which have not yet been heard this season. The exception is "Aida," which is to be given again Sunday night, but which is so popular with all classes of opera patrons that it is always welcome. During the week three French and three Italian works will be given, the former to include Ambroise Thomas' "Mignon," which is being restored to the Ravinia repertoire this year. It has been many seasons since this charming work was performed at Ravinia and the announcement of its restoration brought much favorable comment from patrons of the Opera House in the Woods.

Sunday afternoon the Chicago Symphony Orchestra will be heard in an excellent concert program under the direction of Eric DeLamarter. Alfred Wallenstein, cellist, will be the soloist. The cast of "Aida" Sunday night will be the same as that which elevated this famous Verdi work to new heights last week. Madame Elizabeth Rethberg will appear in the title role, which is eminently suited to her powerfully dramatic style of singing, while Giovanni Martinelli, perhaps the greatest Rameses of all time, will have this celebrated role. Julia Claussen, who scored a triumph when she made her Ravinia debut as Amneris will again

Elisabeth Rethberg be cast as the Egyptian princess and Giuseppe Danise will be heard as Amoruso, to which he gives unusual distinction. Leon Rothier will be Ramfis, and Louis D'Angelo, the king. Mr. Papi will conduct.

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MISS MARY THORSEN FOUND DEAD IN HOME

Sudden Death Last Thursday of Aged Woman Shocks Friends; Funeral Saturday

Miss Mary Thorsen, a resident of Highland Park for some years was found dead in her apartment in the Tonic building in Central avenue last Thursday. An inquest held Friday at the H. M. Prior company office resulted in a verdict of death from organic heart trouble.

Mrs. John McDougall, an old friend of Miss Thorsen, had tried to telephone the latter several times Thursday and feeling that all was not right, she and Mrs. S. A. St. Peter went to the apartment. Finding the door locked, they applied to F. B. Williams, agent for the building, and he accompanied them and opened the door. Miss Thorsen evidently had taken a bath and was trying to reach a couch when stricken, as the body was found lying upon the floor. Her death was a great shock to her friends of whom she had many here.

She was born March 8, 1858, in Copenhagen, Denmark, and had lived here many years. A brother, James B. Thorsen, whose home is on Moraine road, is traveling in Europe at present. Several nephews and nieces live in Chicago.

The funeral service was held Saturday afternoon at the H. M. Prior company chapel, and interment was in Graceland cemetery.

SUNSET VALLEY GOLF CLUB'S ACTIVITIES

Attendance at Sunset Valley Golf club was large over the week end and in fact this is true of every Saturday and Sunday, as the course is popular and in splendid condition.

Work on the club house is progressing materially; much of the plumbing is completed and in use, the plastering work is done and work on the floors, etc. is in progress. Through the efforts of Mr. Everett L. Millard a gas main will be extended in Golf court to the club house and this improvement will be much appreciated, as otherwise it would probably have made necessary the advancing of a considerable sum to assure the installation.

In the handicap tournament for men over 45 John Todd was the winner. W. E. Becker was second and T. Daily, third. Scores follow:

Todd—46-56, gross, 102; handicap, 30; net, 72.

Becker—53-51; gross, 104; handicap, 30; net, 74.

Daily—49-47; gross, 96; handicap, 21; net, 75.