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PLANNING LIBRARY BUILDING FOR CITY

DRAWING ON EXHIBITION

Fund Being Accumulated for Purpose; Brief History; Report of President Presented to Council

The public library has plans for the new building which has been promised, and the building will be an accomplished fact within the next few years.

A building fund which is cumulative has been inaugurated in accordance with the library law; tax for the same was levied last year and is now being collected with the general taxes of the city; and as soon as this fund consisting of the building tax and accrued interest will warrant the expenditure, an adequate and beautiful library building will be erected.

The present library building was erected in 1905, and at that time was pronounced well adapted to future needs. However, only eleven years later, as the records show, on the 26th of October, 1916, a committee from the library board was appointed to consider an addition to the building to meet the growing needs of the library.

War Halted Building
No addition was built, for as the library board was about to adopt detailed architect's plans our country entered the war.

In 1920 and again in 1924 the question of building was revived and careful studies were made with a view to enlargement. The need of additional room was steadily increasing, but a decision to build was postponed from time to time because no suggested plan for enlargement was satisfactory.

In 1927 the need had become so acute that the library board called upon a number of architects to examine the building and make recommendations. The architects—no one
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DANCE PANTOMIME AT VILLAGE HOUSE MAY 26

Pupils of Mildred Haessler Present "The Sleeping Beauty"

Rare achievement in dancing, costuming and fairy settings is promised for the performance of the dance pantomime of The Sleeping Beauty in the Ravinia Village House Saturday, May 26, at 7:45 p. m. The Ravinia and Highland Park girls who have been rehearsing this spring under the direction of Mildred Haessler are giving to the fairy tale all that the folk legend demands and various tempting additions such as an Egyptian ballet, a Natch dance, etc., that are said to be fit for any fairy prince or princess.

The Saturday evening performance and also a children's matinee on the preceding Friday are for the benefit of the furnishings fund of the new auditorium in which the Sleeping Beauty is to be given. The new stage not only in dimensions but in all kinds of stage accessories, lends itself admirably to the requirements of a fairy production, and some dramatic surprises are in store for the audiences.

The cast of characters includes:

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| King | Ruth Pardee |
| Queen | Virginia Wilson |
| Lord Chancellor | Ruth Hirsch |
| Queen's Lady in Waiting | Cynthia Golden |
| Princess | Carol Bennett |
| Companions of Princess | Diane Ewell |
| Princess' Lady in Waiting | Eleanor Kopple |
| Royal Nurse | Dorothy Simpson |
| Prince | Mary Louise Liebenstein |
| Pages | Molly Grinnell, Marjorie Roth |
| Wicked Fairy | Hilbert Hammer |
| Good Fairy | Hilbert Hammer |
| Buhrer, Hildegard Balke, Alice Simpson, Augusta Watson, Dorothy Harrison, Helen Pier, Rita Pardee, Cynthia Golden, Ruby MacLaren, Elizabeth MacLaren, Mary Louise Liebenstein. | |
| Village Boys—Dorothy Harrison, Rita Pardee, Elizabeth MacLaren; Girls—Mary Louise Liebenstein, Ruby MacLaren, Ellen Horn. | |
| Mechanical Dolls—Janet Lewis, Jean Kral; Girls—Susanne Greenberg, Ruth Gordon; Chinese—Judith Greenberg. | |
| Spirit of the Garden—Ellen Horn | |
| Natch Dancer—Harriet Golden | |
| Opening Trio, scenes 2 and 3—Golden, Buhrer and Balke. | |
| Ballet of the Three Hedges—Golden, Balke, Buhrer, Watson, Alice Simpson, Harrison, Hazel Ewell, Pier, Rita Pardee, Ruby MacLaren. | |
| Chopin Ballet—Golden, Balke, Buhrer, Alice Simpson, Watson. | |
| Ballet of the Flowers and the Bee—Kral, Lewis, Gordon, Susanne and Judith Greenberg. | |
| Egyptian Ballet—Balke, Buhrer, Hazel Ewell, Watson, Alice Simpson, Pier, Harrison, Rita Pardee. | |
| Mrs. E. S. Pardee at the piano; Mrs. Thomas Wilder, violin; Dr. I. Greenberg, violin. Costumes and sets designed by Mrs. James Cady Ewell. Mildred Haessler, director. | |

ART COMMITTEE PLAN CARD PARTY JUNE 1

A benefit card party is announced for Friday, June 1 at the attractive home of Mrs. Raymond W. Stevens, the Meadows, on S. Green Bay road. The party is sponsored by the Art department of the Highland Park Woman's club. The purpose is to raise money for a permanent picture fund.

Council and Board

Meet Monday Night; Matters Considered

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The annual city salary ordinance was passed at the meeting of the city council Monday evening. The ordinance, which is printed in full in another part of this newspaper, shows increases in several instances.

A number of property owners were present with a petition to protest against the construction of a sidewalk on Lincoln avenue, between Beach and Cedar streets. The matter was laid over for a week.

The annual report of the library board was presented, approved and filed. It appears in part in another column of this paper. The council adopted a resolution thanking the board for efficient conduct of the affairs of the library during the past year.

Objects to Water Rate
A communication was received from the Reliable laundry protesting against the rate charged for water, reciting that this institution is one of the largest, if not the largest, consumers of water in the city. The matter was referred to Commissioner Zimmer for investigation.

The request of David Levinson that the North Shore Riding association be permitted to construct a bridle path along the east side of the Skokie drainage ditch from Deerfield road to West Park avenue was granted on motion. The association is ready to start the work of building the path shortly, it was explained.

An ordinance was passed declaring the necessity of improving the waterworks system and providing for the preparation of an estimate of cost of such improvement.

Protest Improvement
A number of residents in the vicinity of the new hotel building proposed by Schneider & Huntley were present to protest regarding some phases of the proposed improvement, but as no work has been started and the matter is in the hands of the appeal board, no action was taken.

The plat of the John L. Dean subdivision was referred to the plan commission.

At the meeting of the board of local improvements a resolution was adopted adhering to the plan to pave the alley in block 5, and also a resolution regarding the installing of sewer, water and paving improvements in Ridgewood place.

COUNTY FARM BOND ISSUE IS DEFEATED

Vote Against It in County Is About 5 to 1; Carries in This Township

In the special election held throughout Lake county Tuesday on the proposition to issue bonds to the amount of \$250,000 to rebuild the county farm buildings the proposal was defeated by a heavy adverse vote of about four to one, according to reports from Waukegan. Zion, Waukegan, Lake Forest and Deerfield gave large majorities against the plan. The vote in the rural districts in several sections also was opposed.

In Deerfield township, including Highland Park, the proposition was given good support. The total vote in Deerfield township was 401 for the proposition and 53 against it. The vote by precincts, according to unofficial report, was as follows:

	For	Against
First Precinct	54	11
Second Precinct	44	3
Third Precinct	53	9
Fourth Precinct	70	6
Fifth Precinct	44	0
Sixth Precinct	45	3
Seventh Precinct	74	13
Eighth Precinct	37	8
Total	401	53

In the three precincts of West Deerfield the total vote is reported as 43 for the proposition and 83 against. Vote by precincts: First, 12 for; 38 against; Second precinct, 21 for; 27 against; Third precinct, 10 for; 18 against. The vote was light in both Deerfield and West Deerfield. In Lake Forest also the vote was light, but the majority against the proposition was five to one.

HEMENWAY PLAYERS AT FT. SHERIDAN MAY 16

Will Present "The Hidden Guest" Friday Evening at 8:30 at Post Gym

The Hemenway Players will present "The Hidden Guest" at the Post gymnasium, Fort Sheridan, Illinois on Friday, May 18, 1928 at eight-thirty p. m. This comedy drama has had very successful runs in New York and Washington. The play was secured through the courtesy of Mr. W. E. Blunt, the manager of the Hemenway Players, who is helping with the recreation program at the Fort. Tickets may be obtained at the Highland Park Hardware company, McLaughlin's clothing, in Highland Park, Laeger Pharmacy in Highwood or the Recreation officer, Ft. Sheridan. All seats are reserved.



This beautiful crab apple tree was planted on the Chicago & Northwestern right-of-way at the Ravinia station over 35 years ago. This is the way it looks this week. If you have not seen it, it will be well worth your time to go to Ravinia.

CHOOSE CHAIRMEN OF RAVINIA CLUB

LISTS OF MEMBERS GIVEN TO BUY TWO NEW SITES

Heads of Committees in North Shore Towns and Personnel of Same; Plan for Opera Season

The town committees of the Ravinia club, which, comprising about 200 North Shore women representing of the various towns extending from Rogers Park to Waukegan, form an auxiliary force for the promotion of Ravinia Opera and Concerts, have completed their organization and are now actively engaged with their season's work. The Ravinia club, which has been in existence for many years, held its annual luncheon at the Moraine hotel, Highland Park last week, at which time Mr. Eckstein outlined the plans he has formulated for the coming season of Ravinia Opera and Concerts, which is to begin Saturday night, June 23.

As Mr. Eckstein told the club members of the array of artists he has engaged for the pending season, there was enthusiastic response on the part of his auditors. The announcement that all the world famous singers who helped to make the season of 1927 memorable in the annals of operatic history would return, brought rounds of applause, and an outburst of approval greeted the statement that in addition to these artists, the roster will contain the names of several who, although prime favorites at Ravinia in seasons past have not been heard there for some time.

Realizing that the Ravinia undertaking this year is greater than it has ever been before, the members of the Ravinia club resolved to begin their work at once, with the result that the committees have now been appointed and have taken up their allotted tasks in earnest. The work which the club is now engaged in is taking of subscriptions for the Ravinia coupon books, which give the holders twenty admissions to Ravinia at a reduced rate. It is the consensus of these North Shore women that there should be a Ravinia coupon book in every home, and they have set out to achieve this result. These women believe in Ravinia as a community enterprise and realize that
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FILES DEMURRER IN SUIT AGAINST CITY

In the matter of the suit of T. H. Decker against the city of Highland Park over the question of the classification of his lot east of the Alcyon theater, a demurrer to the bill has been filed by Corporation Counsel Bowen E. Schumacher, and this will be argued on Saturday morning of this week, at Waukegan, in the circuit court. The suit is regarded as a friendly one to clear up the status of the lot, and argument on the demurrer probably will serve to make the issue more clear when the case comes up for hearing in court.

TO TEST SOILS AT GARDEN MARKET

Be sure to attend the Deerfield Garden Market which will open at 1 p. m., Saturday, May 26, at the Deerfield school house, Deerfield road. The Garden club has arranged for a competent man to be present and test soils. He will also be glad to discuss plant feeding problems with you and answer questions concerning care of lawns, flowers and shrubbery. Merely bring a tablespoonful of soil, being sure to put it in a clean paper bag. The test will take but a few minutes. It is free of charge and it will tell you whether or not you need lime, and how much. Let's have a big attendance at the Garden market.

To Take Railroad Controversy Before State Commission

City Clerk V. C. Musser and Corporation Counsel Bowen E. Schumacher returned Tuesday night from Springfield, where they went to interview the State Commerce commission regarding the controversy between the city and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company and to learn the status of the North Sheridan road bridge contract awarded last week.

Regarding the matters at issue with the railroad company, the advice of the commission was that the difficulties be taken up through the usual channels, Mr. Schumacher said yesterday. The city clerk will write the commission a letter explaining the minor matters of complaint, and the corporation counsel will prepare a formal complaint regarding the widening and cutting back of the viaducts on Green Bay road and on Sheridan place.

Sheridan Road Bridges

In connection with the letting of the contract for the south bridge on Sheridan road last week, they were told that the plan being considered was to abandon the north bridge and route the road around over Moraine road. Messrs. Schumacher and Musser endeavored to dissuade the state highway department officials to retain the north bridge, and the local men believe that their argument will receive consideration, inasmuch that it was promised that State Engineer Lamb will come to Highland Park to take up the matter with the city officials, and if he is convinced of the advantages of retaining the north bridge where it is now, it is possible that both bridges may be constructed this summer, the city officials believe.

State to Build Bridges

The following extract from a letter received by Mayor Lewis from C. R. Miller, director of the state department of highways, prior to the trip of the city clerk and corporation counsel to Springfield, has bearing on the bridge contract:

"I wish to confirm your understanding that both of the two bridges in Highland Park on North Sheridan road will be constructed by the state. The bridge over Middleton ravine is advertised for letting on May 9. The bridge over Boyington ravine is involved in the relocation of the north end of Sheridan road and this matter was not settled soon enough to allow us to take bids on both bridges at the same time."

DR. HIGGINBOTTOM TO SPEAK HERE SUNDAY

Noted Missionary of Allahabad, India, at Presbyterian Church

Dr. Sam Higginbottom, of Allahabad, India, one of the most noted missionaries of modern times, will speak at the Highland Park Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock service. He is being entertained during his brief visit to Highland Park at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. R. Hastings.

Two years ago Dr. Higginbottom was a visiting preacher at the local church and many will remember his message. He has been decorated by the English government with the Kaiser-I-Ind medal for his work in his agricultural school and is one of the only two non-British subjects so decorated. Princeton university created the degree of Doctor of Philanthropy specially for him. This year he returns from India to attend his reunion at Princeton and will probably travel the longest distance for that purpose.

The general public not worshipping elsewhere are invited to hear Dr. Higginbottom next Sunday morning.

RAVINIA VILLAGE HOUSE OPEN FRIDAY

Everyone is reminded of the grand opening and dedication of the new Ravinia Village House, which will take place on Friday evening, May 18, at 7:30 o'clock. All organizations of the community co-operating with the Arts committee of which Mrs. James Cady Ewell is chairman are expecting to make this opening one of the biggest events in Ravinia's history.

The expense of this affair is being shared by the Men's commission, the P. T. A. and the Woman's Civic club and these organizations are sparing no effort to make this night a memorable one to all who attend. The program will be entitled "The Revels of Ravinia" and promises to be of notable interest and one which no one will want to miss. Following the program there will be music and dancing. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a general housewarming. Don't forget! Friday, May 18, at 7:30 o'clock—the opening of the new Ravinia Village House.

PLAN LARGE HOTEL ON SHERIDAN ROAD

ZONING RULE CAUSE HALT

Schneider & Huntley Ready to Erect Fine Building, If Permit Is Available; Difficulties

If and when satisfactory arrangements can be made with the city authorities Postmaster, Hugo Schneider and W. E. Huntley are planning to erect at the corner of Sheridan road and Park avenue a modern hotel building of five stories, with the first floor providing space for several shops. The estimated cost of the proposed structure is about \$225,000.

Plans of the hotel building have been on file in the city building inspector's office for some time, awaiting official permit, which has been withheld, it appears, largely because of an inconsistency in the zoning ordinance, but a meeting of the zoning appeal board is to be held this evening, at which time it is hoped by the prospective builders that some definite decision can be reached.

Elicits Protests

"We have waited now four weeks for a ruling on this matter," said Mr. Schneider yesterday. The other day we sent an excavator onto the lot, and Monday night a number of neighboring property owners were at the council meeting to protest. However, as we had not started excavation, they were informed that no action could be taken.

"The chief difficulty seems to be," continued Mr. Schneider, that the zoning ordinance is not clear in the matter of height of buildings. In one place it provides that buildings shall be not more than 45 feet in height and of three stories, and in another makes exceptions regarding hotels, public and semi-public buildings, which may be 60 feet in height; but the ordinance fails to say whether
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ANNUAL CARD PARTY TO BE HELD TUESDAY

Infant Welfare Sponsors Affair at H. P. Woman's Club May 22

The Infant Welfare society of Highland Park and Ravinia wishes to remind all those who have tickets for the annual card party to remember the time, Tuesday afternoon, May 22, at 1:30 o'clock, and the place, the Highland Park Woman's club on N. Sheridan road. Come and help the good cause.

To those who have responded so generously, we thank you. Everything so far points to a very successful party. Mrs. Robert Bosworth, and her committee, Mrs. W. H. Mast, Mrs. E. Leonard, Mrs. Beverly Person, and Mrs. Harrington, will have charge of refreshments. Mrs. Ross Marvin, with Mrs. Monahan, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. A. B. Cook, and Mrs. Wallace will have charge of prizes. Mrs. Reed, is chairman in charge of general arrangements, with Mrs. W. R. Saul as co-chairman. Anyone wishing tickets phone, Highland Park 1743.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Infant Welfare will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Benson, 831 Lincoln avenue. All active members are urged to be present, there are a few garments which must be finished and sent in to the Central Station, thereby completing our work for the summer.

LITTLE GIRL DIES AT FT. SHERIDAN OF BURNS

Nancy Esmond Fleming, little daughter of Captain and Mrs. John Fleming, Fort Sheridan, died early Monday morning, from the effects of burns received Friday, when the child's clothing caught fire from matches with which she and a companion were playing, according to reports received here.

Where the children obtained the matches is a mystery, and the first warning the parents had of the accident was when the child began screaming. Mrs. Fleming rushed to her daughter's aid and beat out the flames with her hands but the child's chest and face already were badly burned and her clothing almost consumed. The little girl was hurried to the hospital where everything possible was done for her, with little hope of success, and she passed away about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning.

An inquest was held Monday afternoon at the office of H. M. Prior Co. in this city, the verdict being one of accidental death. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, and burial was in the cemetery at the fort. The child was aged two years and eight months. The parents have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.