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BIDS RECEIVED FOR WEST SIDE PAVING

COUNCIL MET ON MONDAY

Work to Start Soon; Contracts Let for \$850,000 Filtration Plant Work at the Lake Front

Nearly a million and a half dollars worth of business was transacted by the city council at the regular meeting last Wednesday.

Contracts were let for most of the work on the new city filtration plant on the lake front. These contracts total approximately \$850,000.

Bids were received for several miles of new paving work on the west side. This work includes the paving of Deerfield avenue from Deerfield road to the Ridge avenue and all streets in Nixon's Highland Park Gardens and Highland Park Gardens addition subdivisions. It was estimated that the complete job will cost in the neighborhood of \$550,000. The E. A. Meyer Construction company of Highland Park was low bidder for the paving work with a bid of approximately \$475,000.

Work Starts Soon

Work will be started this winter in the hope of having the streets opened for use during next summer. Quite a few houses have been built in these subdivisions and a number more are already projected for the coming year. At present dirt roads, muddy in bad weather, afford the only connection. The work at the water plant is also scheduled to begin sometime this winter. Shore line protection work can be done during cold weather.

Public Hearing Held

The council held a public hearing on the matter of repaving South Green Bay road from Edgewood road at the end of the brick pavement south to the cement road at the county line. The hearing was continued to January 14. It is planned to construct a 33-foot concrete pavement there, similar to the job on north Green Bay road, between Vine avenue and Highwood.

Payment of \$1,500 to the East Park district covering the city's share of the expense of landscape work on the west side of St. Johns avenue in Ravinia was approved. In this project the city is co-operating with the park district and the North Shore line in beautifying the strip of land between St. Johns avenue and the electric tracks as far south as Ravinia Park. Shrubs and trees are being planted to hide the tracks from the property on the east side of the road.

Grade Separation

An appropriation of \$5,000 was made to cover the cost of engineering and legal services in connection with the grade separation project. Mayor Lewis was authorized to proceed with the committee on track depression and make the expenditures he deems necessary for the work.

Bills and pay rolls covering the two months period from Oct. 1 to Dec. 1 were approved. They were as follows:

Dept. of Public Affairs	\$ 1,174.74
Dept. of Accounts and Finance	631.85
Dept. of Public Health and Safety	4,929.20
Dept. of Streets and Public Improvement	248.80
Dept. of Public Property	1,535.95
Local Improvement Advances and Expenses	155.75
Unappropriated Expense	250.00
Acquisition of Permanent Property	350.00
Maintenance of Autos	263.58
Job Orders	826.00
Total	\$10,356.64

FIREMEN FIX TOYS FOR POOR KIDDIES

Ask for Broken or Castoff Playthings to Be Repaired for Christmas

Highland Park firemen have again issued their call for broken and discarded toys which they repair, repaint and doctor up to be given to the needy children who would not get a visit from Santa Claus without the aid of the fire fighters. For the last three years the local fire fighters have gathered up damaged toys, made them over as good as new and distributed them to the poor children.

ELKS HOLD STAG TOMORROW NIGHT

Friday evening a stag will be staged at the Elks club, by Highland Park lodge No. 1362. B. P. O. E. There will be games, lots of good eats and a general good time in store for those who attend. It is hoped all members and friends will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend.

EXHIBIT ETCHINGS AT ELM PLACE SCHOOL

The public is cordially invited to view a collection of etchings and lithographs by Elizabeth Engelhard, in the Elm Place hall of pictures. The exhibit will close Friday, Dec. 21.

North Shore May Get Cut in Gas Rates by First of Next Month

Residents of Highland Park, Lake Forest and other North Shore communities, as well as the entire territory served by the North Shore Gas company which includes practically all of Lake county are scheduled for a New Year's present in the form of a voluntary reduction in gas rates, it became known this week through announcement of Julian G. Hart, manager of the company.

According to Mr. Hart the company has filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission a new schedule providing for a voluntary reduction in rates, effective January 1, 1929. The commerce commission is asked to approve this petition. Just what the reduction will be is not known at this time.

This is the fourth time within the last few years that the North Shore Gas company has filed such a voluntary petition.

During the wartime period the price of gas was advanced to \$1.55 per thousand cubic feet. Shortly after the close of the war the local company asked permission of the commerce commission to reduce the rates. This permission was granted. Twice since that time similar requests have been made and granted. This brought the price down to \$1.35 per thousand where it is at the present time.

OBSERVE HYGIENE WEEKS FOR CHILDREN

Girls Week Dec. 10-15; Boys Week Dec. 17-22; Laundries Participate

In considering the things which contribute to the health of the family, considerable thought should be devoted to the effect of children's garments, the cleaning of which is so often delayed for a more convenient time.

Children by dropping their garments, by playing rough and tumble games quickly acquire much dirt full of bacteria and germs. A humorist once said, "Call them by whatever name you wish, they are still foes of health. In Germany they are 'gerans' in Paris they are 'parasites', in Ireland they are 'mike-robbers' but wherever you find them you should get after them for they are disease breeders."

Garments need frequent cleaning to keep them clean, fresh and bright which is so essential to health. Think of the "kiddies" and their garments in which dirt and germs may be imbedded.

Prof. Prescott, Sc. D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology says, "It is recognized that cleanliness is a prime factor in individual and community health and that disease and dirt are likely to be associated."

Dry cleaning positively removes dirt and kills germs and increases the life of clothing.

It is for your benefit and to promote these two objectives, — Good health and neat appearance that this custom of observing Boys and Girls Hygiene Week has been inaugurated by the National Association of Cleaners and Dyers of the United States and Canada.

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO PRESENT PAGEANT

"Why the Chimes Rang" to Be Given Dec. 23 at Four Thirty o'Clock

The members of the church school and church will present the pageant "Why the Chimes Rang," a beautiful pageant founded on an old legend. Various committees have been appointed with Mrs. R. J. Beatty directing the work. The cast has been selected and is working hard on the various parts.

The usual white gift service will be a part of this service and at this time the children and members of the church will bring their gifts of money and toys for the work, at Laird Community house, 1838 West Division street, Chicago. Laird house is the special home mission project of Highland Park Presbyterian church and the workers and members always look to the Highland Park church for special help at this season of the year.

The Junior department will sing carols before and after the service. **Special announcements concerning the pageant will be made later.** The public is invited to attend the service.

HIGHWOOD P. T. A. TO MET DECEMBER 19

The Highwood Parent-Teacher association will meet Wednesday evening, Dec. 19 at 7:45 o'clock at the Oak Terrace school. A program will be given by the children of the school.

GROWING SENTIMENT FAVORS NEW LIGHTS

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE

Civic Groups Press Council to Act in Matter of Installing Comprehensive New System

The movement to secure a new comprehensive street lighting system for Highland Park has again been reopened by the Chamber of Commerce and the Highland Park Woman's club.

Recent attacks on women in various sections along the North shore has caused many residents to add their voices to previous demands for brighter illumination along Highland Park streets.

A week ago the Chamber of Commerce in a communication to the city council advocated action in the matter. The Chamber emphasized the need for a more modern system of lighting in the business district.

Some time ago the proposal to institute a comprehensive new system of street lighting was submitted to a referendum among the readers of the Highland Park Press. At that time a majority seemed to be opposed to the change.

Situation Somewhat Altered

But since that time events have transpired with lead members of the council to believe that now it would now be favored. The murder of Jennie Meta Constance on a poorly lighted street in Evanston some months ago, and the almost fatal attack on Edna Kelley, Lake Forest school teacher, on a dark street in that city have shown clearly the danger to women walking on ill lighted streets.

North shore communities with their thick shrubbery and many trees afford particularly good opportunities to "footpad and mooks, and most cities and villages along the shore, as well as suburbs west of Chicago have recently become alive to the danger, it is pointed out.

Many of them have shown their faith in the old adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" by providing modern lighting facilities. Lake Forest last week adopted officially a design for new lamp posts and high powered electric lights to replace the present antiquated system. Contracts were let for the first 67 of the new lamps to be installed in newly developed areas in the western part of the city.

Others Lead the Way

Forest Park this week voted a new \$500,000 lighting system to be in operation by July 1, 1929. Wilmette, Kenilworth, and Winnetka already have installed new lights, and Glenview has been working for some time on a similar project.

Under an act passed this year by the legislature it is no longer necessary for cities to pay for street lights out of the corporate funds. These improvements may now be made by special assessment.

Two years ago a committee of citizens appointed by the city council made a detailed report on street lighting. At that time it was learned that a large majority of property owners in the business district favored modern lights on downtown streets. The committee was composed of Paul L. Udell, chairman, Clarence Witt and William Witten.

Council in Sympathy

City commissioners are in sympathy with the move to install a comprehensive new system to replace the old lights, and are anxious to hear from citizens what their attitude is in the matter. No action will be taken until the council has had an opportunity to sound out further the public sentiment.

MASONS TO INSTALL OFFICERS DECEMBER 20

Public Invited to Attend. Albert Larson to Be New Master

A. O. Fay lodge No. 676 A. F. and A. M. will hold a public installation of officers on Thursday evening, Dec. 20 in Masonic temple. The following officers will be installed: Albert Larson, worshipful master; Roland C. Bleimehl, senior warden; Charles A. Pardee, junior warden; Charles F. Grant, treasurer; William H. Thomas, secretary; E. C. Ohrmund, chaplain; E. D. Cribbs, senior deacon; R. W. Schneider, junior deacon; N. P. Dahl, marshal; F. E. Elwell, senior steward; A. H. Stuppel, junior steward; F. C. Bremer, organist; Martin Ringdahl, tyler; O. H. DeLong, assistant tyler. The installing officers will be, Henry F. Clow, installing officer; installing marshal, George Greene; installing chaplain, Fred R. Moon; installing secretary, William J. Brown.

An organ recital will be given preceding the installation. The ceremonies will be followed by dancing.

LOTTIE H. O'NEILL AT WOMAN'S CLUB

SPEAKS NEXT TUESDAY

First Woman Legislator Will Address Highland Park Group; Has Made En- viorable Record

At next Tuesday's meeting of the Highland Park Woman's club, Lottie Holman O'Neill, representative for the 41st Congressional district in



Lottie Holman O'Neill will address the members.

Elected in 1922, Mrs. O'Neill was given a triumphant demonstration by the various women's organizations of the state when she first took office. She has been twice returned since that time so that last spring she finished her third session at Springfield.

Illinois has cause to be proud of its first woman member of the legislature. Her intelligence and good sense and her courageous stand for good government and progressive legislation won the respect of her fellow members and of men and women throughout the state.

Mrs. O'Neill secured the passage of three measures, which is not a small number for a first term. These bills included an appropriation of \$200,000 for the excess cost of the education of crippled children; the amendment of the descent property act to provide for the widow's receiving one-third of the real estate of her deceased husband in place of the dower right to a share in the income of his real estate during her lifetime; and a bill forbidding the purchase or sale of certain wild flowers which are in danger of extinction.

Mrs. O'Neill's hardest fight was for the eight hour day for women workers, and she succeeded in securing the passage of her bill in the House of Representatives. Although the bill finally failed to pass the Senate, the campaign aroused the men and women throughout the state to a consideration of the relation of the hours of employment of women to the public welfare.

Mrs. O'Neill, who is a widow, lives in Downer's Grove. She has two grown sons who of course take great pride in her mother's splendid career as well as her forthright, and gracious personality.

PLAN NEW YEAR'S EVE FANCY DRESS BALL

Invitations are being sent out by the community of Ravinia for a New Year's eve fancy dress ball which will take place the evening of Dec. 31 from 10 p. m. to 5 a. m. at the Ravinia Village House.

This is an annual event which is looked forward to with the greatest anticipation.

As Ravinia is more or less an artist's colony some of the most unusual and attractive costumes are designed for the affair. However there are many efforts to originate ideas, and so attend in ordinary clothing. This is not fair to the ones who work so hard to put over these annual events.

The committee does not want to say that everyone must be costumed to attend, but they do say that they hope everyone will make an effort to come and to try to prepare a costume. It is only by co-operation on the part of parties invited that any social gathering can be a success.

The committees in charge are: entertainment, Charlotte Robertson, Godfrey Eyer, J. Mills Easton; supper, Mrs. Dudley Crafts Watson, David Clarke, Edwin C. Jones; decorating, Barry Byrne, Virginia Buck, James Cady Ewell, Mrs. Frank C. Peyraud and Walter Rietz. Mr. Lionel Robertson is general chairman.

HELP A LITTLE CHILD TO ENJOY CHRISTMAS

Will you give a Christmas to a little child? Fill a stocking putting mate inside, and mark whether for a boy or girl. Send to Mrs. Henry S. Vail, 225 Laurel avenue, on or before December 17.

Chamber Elects Paul L. Udell President; 57 Attend Gathering

Chamber of Commerce Receives Answers to Plea for New 40-Ft. Highway Through Fort Sheridan

Fifty-seven members of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce met at the Green Tea Pot at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 and after partaking of a dinner listened to a very inspiring and interesting address by the Rev. Axel G. Pearson, pastor of the Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal church of Evanston, on the subject, "The Challenge of the Boy." Rev. Pearson, by his magnetic personality and forceful delivery held the members spellbound during the entire time that he spoke.

After a few minutes intermission the business session was called to order. The election of officers for the year 1929 took place, and since there was no opposition, the secretary was instructed to cast a "white ballot" in favor of the regular ticket. The regular ticket contained the following officials: president, Paul L. Udell; vice president, Joseph W. Simons; directors (term 2 years), Clarence H. Witt, Ernest E. West and Edward Greenwald. The secretary read several communications from Mayor B. F. Lewis, Congressman Carl R. Chindblom, and the Highwood Chamber of Commerce in answer to the letters written them in behalf of asking their co-operation in obtaining certain civic improvements for the city of Highland Park. A letter from Mayor Lewis and two letters from Congressman Chindblom are printed herein so that the people of Highland Park will know what action is being taken on these improvements.

The Chamber of Commerce voted to decorate the Highland Park Christmas tree and Mr. H. C. Reynolds of the Public Service company stated that his company would help by donating forty dollars towards this expense.

It was voted to have a "Ladies Night Party" in the near future, and the entertainment committee was instructed to prepare for this event.

"THE JAZZ SINGER" AT ALCYON THEATRE

To Be Presented Friday & Saturday. Sue Carol in Captain Swagger

Much enthusiasm is evident over the remarkable presentations of great talking and sound pictures and Vitaphone acts at the Alcyon theatre. In keeping with its past policy the Alcyon announces another week of fine programs. For tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday the Alcyon presents Al Jolson in "The Jazz Singer" on the Vitaphone. In addition there will be the usual fine selection of Vitaphone acts to go with the great picture. Sunday and Monday will bring to the Alcyon Rod La Roque and Sue Carol in a great sound romance of the air service "Captain Swagger," along with another fine program of talking and musical acts and the Pathe sound news.

Following this on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the Alcyon offers one of the big hits of the year—"Show People" starring Wm. Haines and Marion Davies. Another fine program of Vitaphone acts will accompany this picture.

The Alcyon is sparing neither effort nor expense to bring such a fine array of consecutive excellent programs. Such fine efforts merit unstinted support.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY "HAPPY DAY FUND"

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Highland Park hospital has a "Memorial and Happy Day fund," the proceeds of which are used for charitable purposes.

A great deal of money is spent for flowers at funerals, which money if sent to the "Memorial fund" would serve a double purpose; namely, paying a tribute to a friend and at the same time helping some needy person.

This would also be true of a check sent to the "Happy Day fund." One so often wonders how to remember a birthday or an anniversary. The use of this fund would be a splendid solution.

A letter telling of your donation to either of these funds will be sent at once by the chairman, the amounts being confidential.

Any sum is acceptable and checks, with the names of those who wish to honor, should be sent to the chairman, Mrs. Irving E. Stieglitz, or Mrs. Sellar Bullard, co-chairman.

DRAMA WORKSHOP MEETS ON FRIDAY

The Drama Workshop of Ravinia will hold their regular meeting, Friday evening. Two plays will be given during the evening. The first play will be directed by Mrs. T. Browning and the second one by Miss E. Yager.

CHINDBLOM OFFERS AID ON NEW ROADS

WAR SECRETARY NOTIFIED

Chamber of Commerce Receives Answers to Plea for New 40-Ft. Highway Through Fort Sheridan

Highland Park and north shore motorists who are accustomed to bumping over the wornout highway through Fort Sheridan were given some encouragement this week when the Chamber of Commerce made known the fact that Congressman Carl R. Chindblom and War Department authorities at Washington had promised co-operation in the move to rehabilitate the road.

Some time ago the Chamber of Commerce addressed letters to Washington asking for the improvement. Letters were sent to Congressman Chindblom and to Senator Charles Deneen. Other communications were sent to the Lake Forest Kiwanis club and to the Highwood Chamber of Commerce requesting their co-operation.

Chindblom's Letter

"I have just received your letter advising me of the resolution passed by the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce urging that an appropriation be made for the construction of a forty foot paved roadway through Fort Sheridan, along the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee railroad tracks from Shannon's corner in Highwood to the North Gate." Congressman Chindblom wrote to President Paul L. Udell.

"I think this is the first time my attention has been called to the matter. The estimates of expenditure for the next fiscal year have now already been made. Congress is quite reluctant to increase expenditures so recommended. In addition, a project of this kind should have evidence taken in its support.

"However, I shall be exceedingly glad to do all I can to help to secure such an appropriation and will proceed at once to take up the matter with the proper authorities."

Referred to War Department

In a later communication Mr. Chindblom reported that he had taken up the proposition with the acting Secretary of War and enclosed a copy of the latter's remarks.

"The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 23, 1928, in regard to the construction of a paved roadway through Fort Sheridan, Illinois," Acting Secretary C. B. Robbins wrote Mr. Chindblom.

"Your letter will receive consideration, and I shall be pleased to give you a further reply at an early date."

Meanwhile local sponsors of the project have received word from Highland Park and Lake Forest that co-operation may be expected from those cities. The worn out highway has long been a sore spot with motorists all along the shore.

No reply has yet been received from Senator Deneen. The communication to the latter, however, was sent some time after the letter to Mr. Chindblom.

COMPLETE NEW FENCE OAK TERRACE SCHOOL

Highwood Civic Improvement Association Plan Festival. Plant Tree

The Highwood Civic Improvement association, according to their agreement have completed the fence around the Highwood grammar school. This was made possible through the receipts of the Highwood day celebration.

Plans are being made for the annual Christmas festival in conjunction with the St. James church, to be held on the Oak Terrace school grounds. The public is urged to attend this celebration.

A lighted Christmas tree will again be placed in the city park between the Northwestern and North Shore tracks. The tree will be a permanent tree, and was purchased from the Clavey nurseries. It will be placed in the park sometime this week.

DEERFIELD ATHLETIC CLUB TO HOLD DANCE

Members of the Deerfield Athletic club will hold a dance next Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the Dietz stable in Ivanhoe. All fans who supported the football team during the past season are urged to attend. The dance is given as a benefit for those players who were injured in games during the season.