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## PREPARING FOR NEW OPERAS AT RAVINIA

### Elaborate Arrangements Being Made to Stage Novelties of Summer Program

Although the initial announcement of the Ravinia Opera season of 1929 was made only last week by Mr. Eckstein, work at Ravinia has been in progress for some time and the studios where scene painters and other members of the technical staff are plying their arts, present a scene of tremendous activity.

The task in hand at present, Mr. Eckstein explains, is the construction of the sets which will be used as background for Puccini's "La Rondine" and Respighi's "La Campana Sommersa" which it is likely Ravinia patrons will know best this summer by its English title of "The Sunken Bell" in view of the fact that that title is so well established in the public mind by reason of Gerhart Hauptman's dramatic poem of the same name, which has been used to give this opera its story.

### Create Curiosity

Both of these works have already been announced among Ravinia's novelties and both have created such curiosity among opera patrons that they will of course, arouse untoward interest. The scenic investiture of both operas is elaborate and pictorial. It is well known that all the Puccini works demand atmosphere and this is especially true of "La Rondine" so in keeping with the well established Ravinia policy of creating realism through stage decoration as well as through acting and vocal interpretation, a deal of work is being lavished on the settings for this work. The scenery demanded by "The Sunken Bell" is much different from that of "La Rondine", but if anything it is even more elaborate than that of the Puccini work, for "The Sunken Bell" in its dramatic form is mystical and symbolical and these elements have

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## Junior Star Night at Campbell Chapter

Junior Star night will be observed at Campbell Chapter, No. 712 O.E.S. next Wednesday evening. This is an annual event which is looked forward to with the greatest anticipation each year.

The officers of the evening will be: W. M., Elsie Collins; W. P., Andrew Yowell; A. M., Dorothy Hamer; Cond., Edith Ringdahl; A. Cond., Bessie Okey; Treas. Ottilie Cumming; Sec., Margaret Hanson; Chap. Helen Abercromby; Marshal, Emma Burrigide; Organ, Caroline Winters; Soloist, Gertrude Gooseman; Adah, Emma Timm; Ruth, Eleanor Ohrmund; Esther, Ellen McArthur; Martha, Lillian Culver; Electa, Esther Dever; Warder, Hazel Maechtle; Honorary Sentinel, Lillian Swanson.

All members and visitors are invited to attend.

## Mrs. Everett Named Delegate To Library Association Meeting

Mrs. Francis D. Everett, president of the Highland Park Public Library Board, has been appointed by Governor Louis L. Emmerson of Illinois as a representative from this state to a meeting of the American Library association which convenes in Washington, D.C., next week.

This recognition of the Highland Park Library Board and of Mrs. Everett's interest in the library field



Mrs. F. D. Everett

came as a complete surprise. Mrs. Everett is, however, well known in the state where for many years she has been closely associated with various organizations working for the best interests of Illinois. In Highland Park, where she has been a resident since 1894, many interests of the community have been served by her, and for the past 28 years she has been a member of the Public Library Board.

She has the unique distinction of having served in an official capacity for 18 consecutive years in the State and General Federations of Woman's clubs.

It was during her administration as president of the Illinois Federation of Women's clubs that that body actively supported a Library Extension bill before the state legislature: and public library interests of Illinois, became a law.

To a great extent, her vision of the growing library needs of Highland Park has made possible the present prospect of an adequate library building; for in 1924 through the efforts of Mrs. Everett and the mayor of Highland Park an additional 50 feet of library property was acquired, making possible the present children's entrance to the building and looking forward to a fitting site for the new building which is to come.

A number of local people are planning to attend the dance this evening at Everett, Ill., given for the benefit of St. Patrick's cemetery there.

## Big Crowd at Sunset; Valley Club Sunday; Prepare Playground

A total of 270 persons registered for play on Sunday at Sunset Valley Golf club, despite the cold wind blowing from the west. The recent cold weather retarded the growth of the grass, but with warmer days conditions will become normal.

Tom Kelly, the congenial Pro, handled the starting like a veteran.

Only six weeks until the big event. The North Shore Open, to be held June 17. Don't forget there are many prizes for the amateurs. Get your entry in early, the closing date is June 13th.

Sunset wood is being put in condition for the summer season, the bowling green has been returned and will be in excellent condition shortly. Cricket will be one of the attractive pastimes this season. If you have not seen this game played you will have an opportunity this summer. The necessary preparation for the game is being made on the field.

Work has been started on the Lincoln Park playground and by fall will be in condition for the use of the Lincoln school.

## American Legion to Present Graeme Players in "Is Zat So" Soon

The Dumaresq-Spencer Post of Highland Park plan to present the Graeme Players at an early date in their latest comedy entitled "Is Zat So." The Graeme Playes, featuring Joe Driscoll of Highland Park played to capacity houses at the Alcyon Theatre on Friday evenings for over 30 weeks last season.

"Is Zat So" was written by James Gleason and Richard Taber and is considered to be one of the best comedies ever presented on the American stage. This is the first time that it will be played on the north shore.

The same cast that delighted Highland Park audiences last season will comprise the cast of "Is Zat So." Hazel Christy, Billy Frankenburg, Marjory Swip, Nicholas Roth and a host of others together with Joe Driscoll play the leading parts.

The date and place of performance will be announced in next week's paper.

## Mother-Daughter Banquet to Be May 24

Friday evening, May 24 at six-thirty o'clock the annual Mother-Daughter banquet will be held at the Presbyterian church. This has been planned especially for mothers and daughters of the church and church school and any others who may care to attend.

Mothers and daughters from the Junior department up are invited. The banquet will be worthwhile and a good dinner will be served. Reservations may be made by calling H. P. 683.

## OPEN BIDS FOR NEW CITY HALL MAY 20

### Handsome Structure Planned by Architect Hodgden; Brief Description

Complete plans and specifications for the proposed new city building for Highland Park have been submitted to the city council by the architect, Frederick Hodgden of Stanton & Hodgden, and bids will be received for the contract of constructing the new structure on May 20.

The plans, which contemplate a structure the same as originally outlined in a sketch and preliminary drawings submitted to the council Feb. 10, 1929, are now complete and cover the proposed building in every detail, and they indicate that when this fine structure is erected Highland Park will have one of the most modern and architecturally handsome city halls in this part of the state.

### Ample Room

The plans provide ample room for all city offices with a commodious council chamber. It will comprise two stories with a handsome cupola and will be furnished completely and adequately for all purposes of municipal government.

The exterior will be of Wisconsin limestone with trimmings of cut stone, and the lobby, staircase, etc. will be handsomely finished in marble and the lighting facilities will be ornate and fitting.

On the first floor the plan shows rooms for offices of the police department. (Continued on Page 51)

## Tax Schedules Must Be in Before May 25

Township Assessor Martin Ringdahl reports property schedules have been coming in fairly well, but points out that all must be in his hands before May 25 to avoid penalties, and he urges all property owners to take care of this matter as soon as possible and before May 25, so as to avoid penalties. Assessor Ringdahl has made a good record as assessor and is careful to warn tax payers in time so that they may avoid unnecessary expense, all of which is appreciated by his constituents.

## Flower Sale May 15 at H. P. Woman's Club

Wednesday, May 15, at ten o'clock a. m., the Community Garden class is having a plant sale on the lawn of the Woman's club (inside if it rains). The club members are each asked to bring one dozen plants to contribute. There will also be provided a large assortment of excellent perennials, some annuals and some novelties all at reasonable prices. Here is a convenient way to get those delphiniums, rock plants, etc., you have been wanting. This sale is not primarily planned to make money but as a convenience to home gardeners.