

## PROGRESS REPORTED BY ADMINISTRATION

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that this property, properly parked and landscaped, will form a civic center, beautiful in itself, and forming a splendid approach to the central portion of our town.

### New Bridges

Many of the bridges crossing the ravines in our city were found in bad repair and unsafe condition. Consequently two new bridges have been constructed to replace the worn-out structures on Dean and Cary avenues; the bridges on Forest avenue and Waverly road have been almost completely rebuilt; and practically all the other remaining bridges required extensive repairs and improvements to put them in usable condition.

A great deal of time has been spent by members of your administration in successfully concluding negotiations and securing former Governor Small the appropriation for the construction of the two new bridges on North Sheridan road. One of these was completed late last fall, and has been open to traffic for some time; the other will be completed in the near future. The entire cost of these two bridges has been paid for by the State with the exception of the preliminary engineering work, which was paid for by the city. The State insists, however, that the city build the approaches and wing walls, but we are still continuing negotiations with the State Highway Department and Governor Emmerson, in an effort to have them complete this final portion of the work at state expense. The bridges are well constructed and should last a long time.

### Local Improvements

A large amount of work has devolved on your council in handling the extensive volume of local improvements in all sections of the city. Some 31 separate jobs, aggregating over \$2,000,000 have been carried to completion, including the North Green Bay road pavement; Ravinia Highlands pavement; South-East system of pavements; Western Feeder System of water mains, and numerous other water, sewer and paving projects.

### Police and Fire Departments

The number of employes on the Police force and Fire departments has been increased for the general protection of all citizens and their homes. We feel confident that everybody is in accord with this action. Further increases in the personnel of both these departments are contemplated during the ensuing year, in line with the increase in population of the city. The new fire station on Roger Williams avenue in the Ravinia section of the city is nearing completion, and the present central fire department will be moved this fall to the new station to be erected on the North Green Bay road during the summer.

### Labor Saving Devices

Several pieces of modern road machinery have been recently purchased which we are convinced will help us keep the city streets in better condition and will enable us to reduce the number of men in our street department, thereby paying for their initial cost within a reasonable time.

Adding and billing machines have been installed for the use of the office force in the city hall, which

should promote efficiency and help in keeping down running expenses.

### Taxes

To carry out these capital projects, it was necessary, as everyone knows, to issue city bonds, and as we might expect this has caused an advance in our taxes. This advance, however, has not been large and has reached the peak. We believe the taxes will be lower next year. It is our opinion that the residents of Highland Park are paying less in taxation than any of the suburbs to the south. This statement can be easily verified by making inquiry of your friends owning property in any of the south suburbs, making a fair comparison on comparable sized dwellings.

One point we would like to have thoroughly understood is that no advance has been made in the taxes for the general upkeep of the city, the entire increase, as far as the city is concerned, being for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds. Nor has the entire advance been for city purposes. While the city has outstanding \$589,000.00 bonds, the East park district of Highland Park also has outstanding \$440,000.00 bonds, School District No. 107 has outstanding \$367,000.00 bonds, School District No. 108, \$332,000.00 bonds, and the High School District \$220,000.00 bonds. Many of these district bonds have been issued during the past year and this has contributed to the increase in taxes.

We should not be misunderstood as in any way criticizing these other bonds. They were quite as necessary as the city bonds and great benefit will undoubtedly accrue to the city from the wise spending of the funds.

### City's Financial Condition

Although we have made no increase in the tax rate for general city purposes, we are glad to report that the city's financial condition is in a very much improved state.

The \$40,000 in tax anticipation warrants which were outstanding at the time we assumed direction over the city affairs, and a large total in unpaid bills, have all been paid. This has been accomplished by prudent and economical handling of the city finances.

We appreciate that this subject cannot be adequately covered in a communication such as this, and we urge any of those who are sufficiently interested to make further inquiry of any city official. With the continued support and co-operation of all citizens the present year should record still further progress.

By B. F. Lewis

## Sisterhood to Hold Spring Luncheon June 19

The North Shore Congregation Israel Sisterhood, Glencoe, announces its Spring luncheon in honor of the outgoing president and board of directors arranged by the incoming president and board of directors on Wednesday, June 19 at 12:30. Kindly send reservations to Mrs. R. Hoefeld, 1131 Laurel avenue, Winnetka or phone Winnetka 2149. Sewing will precede the luncheon.

The automobile driver who thinks that children can be expected always to use perfect care in the streets, might as well engage his lawyer in advance to defend his cases.

## MORE CONTRACTS ON CITY HALL AWARDED

### City Council Lets Them to Lowest Bidders; Other Business, Regular Session

At the regular meeting of the city council Monday evening additional contracts on the new city hall building were awarded and considerable other business received attention.

The contracts on the city building were all let to the lowest bidder in each instance. The electric wiring contract went to the Vetter Electric Service; the roofing and sheet metal work was awarded the Chicago Sheet Metal and Roofing Co.; the Hart-Pederson Glass Co. got the glass and glazing contract; James B. Clow & Sons were given the contract for marble to be used in the new structure; the French Art Metal Works was awarded the contract for the ornamental metal work; the Pauly Jail Building Co. got the contract for the new jail equipment; J. Bernard was awarded the painting contract.

Bids for the furnishing of Terrazzo and for furnishing of the oil burning equipment were rejected and the city clerk was instructed to re-advertise for the same according to plans and specifications provided by the architect.

### Other Business

The report of the building inspector for the month of May, 1929 was ordered placed on file.

The bond of Dan McNeil in the amount of \$1000.00 with S. L. Vetter and S. A. St. Peter as sureties, said bond covering contract for the construction of a concrete cement sidewalk on Taylor avenue, was approved.

Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$11,233.00 on division "A" of the improvements to the Highland Park Water Works in favor of the Priester Construction company, contractors, was approved and voucher ordered drawn in payment of same.

### Bonds Approved

The following bonds of city officers and employees for the fiscal year 1929 were approved: Edward Moroney, marshal; Martin Kopp, sergeant No. 1; John Sullivan, sergeant No. 2; William E. Flinn, sergeant No. 3; Charles Rafferty, police officer No. 1; John White, police officer No. 2; Dennis Driscoll, police officer No. 3; Roland J. Demgen, police officer No. 4; Harry Lehr, police officer No. 5; Clyde Schoonover, police officer No. 6; Clarence R. Engdahl, police officer No. 7; Edward Patten, police officer No. 8; Wilson Richardson, police officer No. 9.

E. C. Hoskin, chief fire marshal; Wm. Hennig, assistant fire marshal; Sidney Jennings, fireman No. 1; Arthur A. Proctor, fireman No. 2; Ray Mann, fireman No. 3; John Shelk, fireman No. 4; John Patten, fireman No. 5.

Gus Krueger, engineer at the water works; Arthur Greuel, 1st Asst. engineer at water works; William McClory, 2nd Asst. engineer at water works; Paul Gerhardt, 3rd Asst. engineer at water works.

Fred Botker, foreman, sewer and water mains; John Hart, foreman, department of streets and public improvements.

### To Spread Assessment

Geo. L. Vetter was appointed the officer to spread the assessment providing for the construction of storm water sewers in Taylor avenue.

## Y. W. C. A. Notes

The Mothers club had a supper meeting Tuesday evening. Supper was served on the small card tables in the assembly. The evening was spent playing bunco. 45 were present. This was the last meeting of the season.

The B. Y.'s club will meet Tuesday, June 11, at which time Mrs. Boyson of the Green Tea Pot will speak to the girls on "A Business Girl's Summer Wardrobe." Mrs. F. J. Morn will also speak on the Mable Cratty endowment fund.

The Makio Girl Reserves are having a slumber party at the Y.W.C.A. June 7. Breakfast will be cooked in the ravine back of the association, Saturday morning.

The Cubs had an out door ceremonial Monday evening at which time they presented their adviser, Marjorie Kendall with a Girl Reserve ring. Monday, June 10th will be the last meeting, this will be a birthday party for the members whose birthdays are from April to September.

The Look Out Girl Reserves are having a farewell picnic on the beach Friday after school.

Letters have been sent out to the mothers of the Girl Reserves regarding the Girl Reserve camp, Deerfield, Highland and Highland Park Older Girls camp period June 15 to 22nd. Cubs 22 to 29. A limited number can be accommodated. Those wishing to go please register by Friday preceding the day camp opens.

The Y.W.C.A. had a called business meeting Thursday, June 6th. The regular board meeting will be Tuesday, June 11th at 10 o'clock. The house committee had their monthly meeting Wednesday morning in the absence of Mrs. A. S. Burdick, Mrs. B. F. Rieke presided. The report showed that more transients have been accommodated during May than any month within the past year. Owing to the constant demand for rooms the corners of the assembly are being made ready to accommodate four during the summer months. Any one having a cot and mattress to loan until the first of September, the Y will appreciate the use of it.

The Finance committee will meet Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

## Urge Old Settlers to Join Historical Parade

A mammoth historical parade is to precede the historical fete which is being given by the Good Fellowship Settlement in Waukegan on Saturday, June 15, and one of the features of this parade will be old settlers of Lake county, who will ride in cars provided for them by the Kiwanis club of Waukegan. Every old-timer who has lived in Lake county sixty years or more is urged to be there at twelve o'clock (standard time) to ride in the parade which will form on Oak street, near Belvidere and Genesee. All those who are interested are asked to send in their name and length of residence to Mr. Coral Heydecker, 224 Washington street, Waukegan, Ill. not later than Friday, June 14.

Kindly fill out the attached coupon and return it at once.

Name .....

Residence .....

How long in county? .....

I will be in parade .....