

HIGHWOOD SEEKS BETTER LIGHTING

Chamber of Commerce to Poll Residents on "Bringing City Out of Dark"

In the interest of better lighting in Highwood, the chamber of commerce of that city is taking a straw vote to determine the sentiment of the residents on the proposition of a modern lighting system. The commerce body is asking all citizens to be on the watch for the post card questionnaires and to co-operate with the men bringing Highwood out of the dark. They remind residents of the greater degree of safety in a well lighted town, as well as the increase in beauty and the aid it gives to business generally.

Origin and Use of Electricity

It is often remarked that the history of the electrical development is the history of modern industrial development. This may be true, but with the exception that they should be reversed. Electric lighting was not invented to equip skyscrapers, factories and huge apartment buildings of today, but on the contrary, such institutions were erected because such a thing as electricity was available.

The rubber handle of a fountain pen when rubbed over the sleeve of one's woolen coat acquires the property of attracting small bits of paper or wood; glass rubbed on silk behaves in the same way. Amber, a fossil resin found on the shores of the Baltic Sea, was the earliest substance discovered to have the property. The Greeks called this resin electron, and later (1600 A.D.) Dr. Gilbert called this phenomenon electric, and gave us our word electricity.

In 1878 Thomas A. Edison, the master mind, at his experimental lab-

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Announce Lecture on Christian Science

First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Highland Park, announces a free lecture on Christian Science by Samuel W. Greene, C.S.B., of Chicago, who is a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass. This lecture is to be given at the Ravinia Village House, Saturday evening, Aug. 10 at eight o'clock. "Christian Science: The Government by Divine Law" is to be the subject for the lecture. Members and their friends are invited to attend.

Appreciate Gifts

The Plant, Flower and Fruit guild have been very grateful for the large quantity of flowers and jelly contributed each week for distribution among the needy in Chicago.

Bring your surplus flowers and jelly to the Highland Park Northwestern station on Fridays and share in this worthy work.

The F. N. Bard family have returned from H. F. Bar Ranch in Buffalo, Wyoming, after spending a month there.

DEDICATE SCOUT CAMP AT ELCHO, SATURDAY

Many Local People Attend Ceremonies. History of Camp Told by Mr. Avery

Camp Makajawan, the new summer camp of the North Shore Area council near Elcho, Wisconsin, was formally dedicated to the use of North shore boys last Saturday morning when the second period campers were about to leave and the third period campers had just arrived. Many parents and friends of the organization were also present for the ceremonies held in front of the mess hall.

Charles H. Avery, of Antigo, an attorney for the camp, outlined briefly the history of the country in which the camp is located and told of many interesting incidents in the progress of Langlade county. He spoke of the part played by early settlers in the formation of our nation and the building of many of the present day roads and landmarks. Mr. Avery, himself a likeable man of the outdoors, brought home to the campers and friends present, much of the tradition of what he termed their new "camp home."

Mr. Charles A. Steele, of Glencoe, chairman of the camping committee of the North Shore Area council, also spoke to the assemblage and told of the selection of the site and the necessary work in making the camp successful.

"To Walter McPeck, our former scout executive, is due the credit of finding this remarkable camp site which after investigating we all agreed had wonderful possibilities," said Mr. Steele. "We set to work to acquire the property and in this respect we were most fortunate in having a personal friend to assist us. Mr. Henry K. Urion of the Forest County Lumber company, whose home is in Winnetka, has given his hearty support at all time and when we approached the owner in regard

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Press Enjoys Picnic

The employees of the Highland Park Press and their families enjoyed a picnic Sunday at Gages lake. Leaving the Press building about ten o'clock, they motored to the lake. Upon arriving there sides were chosen and a baseball game was participated in. The score was 9-5 in favor of "Fay's Wild Cats."

Several of the party enjoyed a dip in the lake before dinner. The whole "gang" enjoyed a picnic lunch about two o'clock, after which some went swimming, while others played cards or engaged in other games. After supper the party returned home, everyone having enjoyed the day to the fullest extent.

While in bathing Phil Scully's B. V. D.'s strayed away from camp.

Mary Mavor returned from Burnside, Michigan, where she has been the guest of Ann Mills. Hugh Siefert also returned home this week after spending sometime as the guest of Everett Mills at Burnside.

The Misses May and Madeline Bliss returned to Highland Park after spending a month at camp.

Ill. Inspection Bureau Commends Highland Park for Many Improvements

With a fire insurance rate already among the lowest for this section of the country. Highland Park policy holders may soon reap the benefits of added protection in still lower rates, as the following letter will show. This letter came to the office of Mayor Lewis unsolicited, from the Illinois inspection bureau at Chicago:

July 31, 1929

Hon. Benjamin F. Lewis, Mayor,
Highland Park, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: *Highland Park Fire Protection.*

Our recent engineering inspection of the fire fighting facilities of Highland Park disclosed the fact that a number of improvements had been made since our previous inspection, and that several more excellent improvements are in progress, or contemplated. We are listing below the improvements now in progress and request that we be advised if any changes are made, or any further improvements are contemplated.

No. 1. A new, 500,000 gallon elevated tank is being constructed in the business district and is to be connected with the new pumping station, through a 16 inch main now being laid along Vine avenue; this 16 inch main is to connect with the gridiron system at several points and terminate with a connection to the 20 inch main now in Deerfield road.

No. 2. A new pumping station is being constructed; new pumps are to be installed, filters and settling basins having a capacity of 7,000,000 gallons per day are now being built, and all intake and discharge piping at the pumping station is being re-designed.

No. 3. A new bungalow fire station is being erected in Roger Williams avenue and Burton avenue, near Ravinia, and will be occupied as Station No. 2 of the Fire Department, late this fall. This station is a two story brick veneered building, with modern sleeping quarters and recreation room, sliding pole and has accommodations for two automobile trucks.

No. 4. The personnel of the fire department is to be enlarged by the addition of four full paid men, who are to be on duty at Station No. 2.

No. 5. An automobile pumper of at least 750 g.p.m. capacity is to be purchased this fall and is to be installed in the new station as soon as completed.

No. 6. A new street lighting system is to be installed in the city, and it is now contemplated that with the installation of the wiring for this lighting system; there will also be installed the necessary conductors for a fire alarm system throughout the city.

We commend the City of Highland Park for the splendid improvements now being made. In order that your city may receive the benefits of these improvements, we ask that you notify us immediately upon their completion, at which time we will conduct an engineering inspection. We trust that you will call on us whenever we can be of further service to you in improving the fire protection of Highland Park.

Yours very truly,
ILLINOIS INSPECTION
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FRANK H. JONES,
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FT. SHERIDAN MAY FACE ABANDONMENT

Reduction of Army Expenditures and Consolidation of Defense Sought

Fort Sheridan, for 42 years a military post, may face abandonment along with numerous other army posts throughout the country under President Herbert Hoover's request that military expenditures be slashed.

The army spends \$26,092,724 annually for the upkeep of these numerous posts that were established years ago.

Senator Hiram Bingham of Connecticut takes the position that the army could abandon many of these posts and strengthen its national defense and curtail its expenditures at the same time.

Consider Three Divisions

"The army is considering the establishment of three large divisions—east, south and far west—and the limitation of army posts to a few, well planned and chosen because of the proximity to divisional headquarters as well as their availability for training large units of the service together would be not only economy but sound military practice.

"Of course, the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga., the general service school at Fort Leavenworth and similar projects should be maintained, but there are forts and posts all over the country that should be abandoned, the property on which they are located should be sold, and the proceeds applied elsewhere in the service," the senator said.

Present Unsuitable Sites

Among the outstanding examples of army posts located on valuable tracts of land in or near cities but which, it is said, have no military value and are unsuitable for training troops in large units are Governor's Island and nearly a dozen coast artillery forts in or near New York City; Fort Wayne, located on a site valued at approximately \$7,000,000 in Detroit, Mich.; Fort Sheridan, a few miles north of Chicago; Fort Hayes, in Columbus, O.; Fort Omaha, in Omaha, Neb., and Fort Porter in Buffalo, N. Y.

The western states are dotted

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Attendance at Bathing Beaches Cut by Weather

The cool weather cut the attendance at the beaches on Saturday and Sunday materially. A bather ventured out too far into the surf on Sunday and was rescued by the life-guard at the beach. However during the week the children from the play grounds attended in goodly numbers, in fact they are more interested in swimming than in any other sport.

Official Visit

Campbell Chapter No. 712 O.E.S. announces the official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Sarah Daniels, on Wednesday evening, September 4 in Masonic Temple.

Dinner will be served at six o'clock, reservations for which must be made with Mrs. C. A. Levin not later than Saturday, August 31.

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