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# W. D. MESSENGER DIES; **FUNERAL SATURDAY**

#### Well Known Resident Prominent in Chicago Business Life; Family History

Last Friday evening, after an illness of some weeks' duration, Mr. Wm. Dorrance Messenger passed away at his home, 265 Prospect avenue. In his going Highland Park loses one of its most respected citizens, a man whose life included an active relationship with some of the most important phases of our developing national life.

#### Early Life

Mr. Messenger was born at Peterboro, N.Y., on August 1, 1843, of Engiish and Scotch-Irish ancestry. The naternal line went back to "The Mayflower." His maternal forbears had emigrated to Connecticut in early Colonial times. His father was a physician and surgeon who was well known throughout the state of New York and was the first to perform the operation of sewing the tendons. Peterboro was the home of Gerritt Smith, the well-known abolitionist, and the young boy was an intimate of the home and a close friend of Colonel Gerritt Miller, the grandson of the great leader. Just before Harper's Ferry John Brown spoke in the church at Peterboro and Gerritt Smith asked the youth to go from house to house with a bell announcing his coming. At the age of eleven he was a participant in "the underground railway." On many occasions he drove escaping slaves from one station to another. About that time his father died and the boy took upon himself the entire family responsibiliies which he carried loyally to the end of his life. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil war he was commissioned a second lieutenant of the 55th Massachusetts Infantry, a colored regiment, and saw active fighting, notably in the siege before Charles-(Continued on page 36)

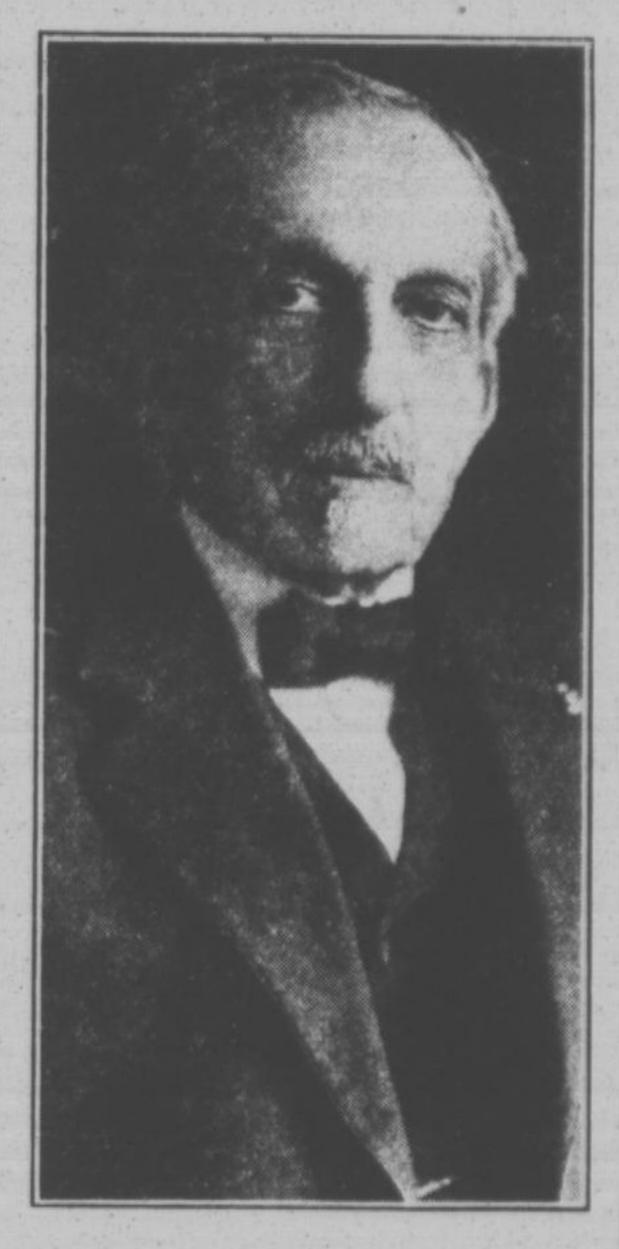
#### Feature Derby July 12 at Northmoor Club

The feature party of the season at Northmoor Country club will be the 48th Running Northmoor Derby, on July 12th. Dinner will be served at eight o'clock and the first race will start at 9 p.m.

#### Lineman Is Killed in Fall From Pole Tuesday

Plunging headlong from the top of an 85 foot pole where he had been working, Merdith Burnside, 22 year regular meeting, Thursday, July 17, old lineman, who was a roomer at at which time the third degree will 575 Central avenue, Highland Park, be conferred. Niles Center.

## W. D. Messenger Dies



# N. S. Open Tournament At Sunset Valley On July 14; Many Entries

event well-worth looking forward to. gest Legion carnival ever. Sunset after. The Lions are keeping busy and those of the city professionals ities and general holiday spirit. already in..

golfing clubs in the vicinity of Chi- run its dances the other two evenings, and it is rapidly approaching that A good time is guaranteed to all. reputation.

it is hoped that there will be a host of Highland Park "golfiites" there to watch. It will be a great tournament.

be out shortly, and will be available to all interested.

## No Meeting Tonight of A. O. Fay Lodge Plaines river.

A. O. Fay lodge will hold their next

Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee (Thursday) due to the absence of will be served from 6:30 to 8 p. m. connected with the building of a pier tracks at Oakton street crossing, many of the officers, who are away Bridge will start promptly at eight and breakwater. Dr. Harry Gradle for the holiday.

#### Ravinia Community Day Celebration On July 4th; Features

Plans for Ravinia Community Day, July 4th, are progressing nicely under the supervision of Mrs. Godfrey. Eyler, chairman of the civics committee of the Ravinia Woman's club, who has charge of the affair this year.

A gay afternoon and evening are promised young and old at the Ravinia school grounds, Friday.

be given for the best outfit.

Copp and prizes will be given for ready done so. some of the events.

ised for the evening, which has been published in another part of this arranged by Mr. A. K. Fox.

those who attend will bring their own be published July 10. There is still picnic supper. Coffee, doughnuts, ice time for those who have not as yet cream and soft drinks will be sold joined this public-spirited band of on the grounds at a low price to those citizens to have their names enrolled who desire them.

Everybody is invited and welcome. the same time.

#### Legion Carnival to Be Held at Sunset Park July 3, 4 and 5

The American Legion carnival will be held in Sunset Park, running for It may be well to remind Highland three days on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of Highland Park Lions club is held at Park golfing fans' that the North July. The committees have been noon Thursday at the Green Tea Pot. Shore Open is scheduled for Sunset making extensive preparations with The business session will follow the Valley on July 14. It will be an the thought of making this the big- meal and the social features there-The entries are coming in rapidly, Park will be the scene of gay activ-

who are well-known to everyone are The tents and pavilions are being erected in the park now, and the open An attempt is being made by the air dancing floor will be the scene officials of the club to make this year every evening during the progress of a cardinal one in the history of the the carnival of dancing for everyone. Sunset Valley club. The club has The regular Thursday night evening already established a reputation for dance will be under the auspices of itself as one of the best municipal the park board, but the Legion will

cago. Correspondingly, the North This carnival takes the place of the Shore Open should be one of the best old Highland Park day, and it is hoptournaments in the Chicago district, ed that everyone will turn out for it.

#### When the golfers tee off on the 14th To Open Bids on Road Work in This Vicinity

Bids were to be opened yesterday The booklet on the tournament will by R. M. Lobdell, county superintendent of highways, and the road and bridge committee on a section of grading on Deerfield avenue, near Deerfield, and a bridge over the Des

#### Buffet Super Tonight

was dashed to death yesterday on the There will be no meeting tonight night) at Briergate Golf club. Supper and quarries and also of operations o'clock.

# SCHOOL FUND DRIVE

#### Campaign Nearing Goal; Grand Roll of Honor Printed Next Week, Plan

This week the committee in charge . of the campaign for funds for the Elm Place and Green Bay schools for the next three years is issuing its last call for subscriptions. Good The children's costume parade with progress has been made so far, and decorated vehicles will start promptly response has been widespread and at 4:30 and a number of prizes will liberal. There remains still a final spurt needed to cross the goal, and Games and play will be directed by friends of the schools are urged to Mr. F. V. Degenhardt and Mr. Howard subscribe now, if they have not al-

This week a revised list of names A fine display of fireworks is prom- in the honor roll of subscribers is newspaper, and it is announced that It is hoped by the committee that the final Grand Roll of Honor will in the final list.

Goal Soon Reached

In case of rain the celebration will be It is expected that by next week postponed until Saturday afternoon at the final contributions will have increased the total to the required \$15,-000, and when this goal is reached it (Continued on page 40)

## Regular Meeting of Lions Club Thursday

The regular weekly luncheon of the with their plans for civic welfare and progressive citizenship and the interest in the club's sessions and program for the future continues at high pitch.

New officers of the club elected for the ensuing year last week will be installed this month. They are: President, Walter Cope; first vicepresident, Robert W. Pease; second vice-president, Julian Smith; secretary, Edward Nevins; directors, A. E. Smith, Dr. I. C. Schur, William Ruehl, F. V. Nelson; tail twister, Paul Olson; lion tamer, Dr. A. J. Wurth.

#### Yacht Harbor Plan Is Discussed at Meeting

Another meeting of Highland Parkers interested in the proposed establishment of a yacht club harbor here was held last evening in the city hall, and the project was further discussed. The principal speaker was Commander Carrick of the Illinois Naval Reserve, who made an interesting and instructive talk. Motion A buffet supper and bridge party pictures were shown by the Chicago will be held Thursday evening, (to- Dredge & Dock Co. of their works and one or two others spoke briefly.