

## WOMEN VOTERS HEAR TALKS BY OFFICIALS

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to the contours of the ravines, and yet lead to the center of town. As the town of 800 grew, the need for parks became apparent, and the East Park District was formed which later included the entire city under the same name. The Mooney farm was purchased at \$600 an acre (this has of course increased tremendously in value) and Mr. Gardener, then professional at Exmoor, laid out the Sunset Golf course, patterned after Scotch courses where every natural advantage is utilized. Mr. Gardener very generously insisted upon making his share in this a public contribution. After that other land was acquired and more parks laid out.

Mr. Millard stated that as long as improvements are paid for by the general bond money, no one pays much attention, but when the limit is reached and special assessments must be made, there are often many objections. A meeting is always called however, and the tax payers have the privilege of expressing their opinions if they will take the trouble. These assessments may be paid in 20 annual installments. In the case of the recent assessment spread on the library corner, about ten per cent of the taxpayers objected, but many of these objections were later withdrawn. Mr. Millard feels that while the special assessment system may not be abstractly just, it is the best method available at present, since a general assessment in such a case is not legally possible. That defect would have to be remedied through the state legislature.

The Highland Park park board has kept the retirement of bonds at a fixed rate a year. A 20-year bond is issued at five per cent a year.

### Largest Per Capital Area

The parks of our city now have the largest per capita acreage of any of the parks of Illinois. There are 4 recreational centers, with 900 individuals taking part in organized work. There are all sorts of recreational facilities including 3 skating rinks, and the bathing beach. This last, however, has not the frontage it should have.

Mr. Millard concluded by thanking the women present for their interest in these matters.

### Discusses City Government

Mayor Lewis outlined the type of government under which Highland Park operates, comparing it with the aldermanic form of government used about 15 years ago. Now, there are four commissioners and a mayor who is really another commissioner, as he has no power not held by the other four. The administrative duties are distributed among five departments: public affairs, accounts and finances, public health and safety, public property and public improvements.

Mayor Lewis spoke of certain situations in the school and park districts caused by antiquated laws.

The present tax rate is about \$5.96 for each \$100 assessed valuation. Most of this is spent in the community. About 3.09 of this goes to the schools (\$2.00 to the grade school and the rest to the high school; this is not enough to carry on) about \$1.05

to the city, 44 cents to the park board etc.

Each township has a supervisor and assistants elected by population. The cities notify the township assessor their budgets, and he spreads the taxes.

Mayor Lewis listed the improvements made in Highland Park during the last few years. These included the city hall, municipal yard, Ravinia fire station, and the water works and filtration plant. All these have been the best available. Everyone is familiar with the beauty of the new city hall, but very few realize how modern and adequate the filtration plant is for years to come. The citizens of Highland Park are urged to visit these fine additions to the city, for, as Mayor Lewis said, they are owned by all. He stressed particularly the need of keeping in contact with civic affairs, and of making desires known, since the city is always amenable to public opinion.

Mayor Lewis closed his talk with an expression of deep appreciation for the opportunity of addressing the league.

## CANDIDATES SPEAK AT LEAGUE SESSION

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ered which included naming former offices held, qualifications for desired office, and plans if elected.

Mrs. Constant Hopkins, president of the Highland Park League, presided, and introduced the speakers. She expressed very briefly the league desire to be of service to the voters.

The first speaker was Miss Florence Mennihan, a member of the Minnesota bar, and the founder and head of the Minnesota Reformatory for Women. She discussed women on juries from the standpoint of a state where women have served on juries ever since the granting of suffrage.

### Candidates Attending

The candidates for office who accepted the league's invitation to speak and the offices they are asking for, are as follows:

Judge Perry L. Persons, Rep., county judge; Joseph J. Jadrich, Dem., county judge; Richard J. Lyons, Rep., state assemblyman; Thomas Bolger, Dem., state assemblyman; William Carroll, Rep., state assemblyman; Lee McDonough, Rep., state assemblyman; Carl R. Chindblom, Rep., representative for congress; John E. Hess, Dem., representative for con-

gress; Mrs. Frances Moody, Dem., county supt. schools; W. C. Petty, Rep., county supt. schools; Herbert Yager, Dem., sheriff; Lester Tiffany, Rep., sheriff; Joseph Daly, Dem., county clerk; Lew Hendee, Rep., county clerk; Peter J. Duffy, Dem., county treasurer.

### ADJUDICATION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber administrator of the estate of Louis Shetzley, deceased, will attend the Probate Court of Lake County, at a term thereof to be holden at the Court House in Waukegan, in said County, on the first Monday of December next, 1930, when and where all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to present the same to said Court for adjudication.

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