

URGES SUPPORT OF CIRCUIT THEATRE

Cashier of Glencoe State Bank
in Letter Shows Why Aid
Is Merited

The following letter from Fred W. Bray, cashier of the Glencoe State bank concerning the prospects of the North Shore Circuit theatre is timely and his appeal in behalf of that organization will find, it is hoped, ready response among the friends of the association and the north shore public in general. The letter:
"To the Editor

Dear Sir:
"The news of the North Shore Circuit theater may discontinue if sufficient backing is not obtained by Nov. 1 comes as a shock to all who pride themselves on the community attainments of the north shore. Here is an organization which compares favorably with the very best amateur theatres throughout the country and it would be a shame to have it go out of existence.

"It is learned from reliable sources that the drive for subscriptions to date can scarcely be considered successful although the recent additions to the list of new subscribers are decidedly encouraging. Town quotas apparently are not excessive, having been established by cutting down the actual attendance records of former productions. Yet with all this there is apparently a marked falling off due to hard times, or what not, amongst old and established subscribers.

"Under the circumstances a real emergency exists for if the Circuit theatre disappears the north shore loses in the following ways:

"1. The Circuit theatre's accumulated knowledge of the amateur theatre on the north shore will be dissipated and lost;

"2. The actual equipment, consisting of switchboards, stage paraphernalia, scenery, manuscripts, production rights and valuable lists of available actors and talent of all sort will disappear and be lost;

"3. Reasonably priced entertainment, just around the corner, so to speak, is lost. The price of admission is only nominal—compare this to the down-town theatres, or even the movies.

"4. The Circuit theatre, is in a sense like Ravinia park, a monument to the idealism of the north shore and its disappearance would mark a backward step in the fullness of our community life.

"It should not be overlooked that an organization which gives eight performances to eight audiences in six communities can give more finished productions than those generally given by smaller groups. It makes possible a more adequate expenditure for scenery, costumes and direction than that permitted for such purposes by the more limited budgets of smaller isolated groups giving only one or two performances of each play.

"When emergencies have arisen in the past the north shore has always risen to meet them and it is difficult to believe that we are to falter in standards and attainments which have been built up over a period of 10 years.

"You who read this, will you not

get in touch with your local subscription chairman and give her your assistance. Now is the time for action.

Yours very truly,
Fred W. Bray."

Complaint Made of Malicious Mischief

Several instances of what appears to have been in most instances thoughtless mischief but in one or two cases approached vandalism have been reported on the part of a number of youths of high school age in Highland Park in recent weeks, and threats that the matter will be taken up with the proper authorities unless the practice is halted have been made by some of the sufferers, who complain that their homes have been invaded without regard for the safety of contents, eggs have been broken and strewn on rugs, etc., and in two or three instances eggs have been showered on automobiles. In one case a death was falsely reported at a certain address and an undertaker, a physician and several taxicabs were ordered sent there by unknown persons, believed to have been boys whose sense of humor seems to be badly warped.

Amendment to Banking Act to Be Voted Upon at November Election

The citizens of the State of Illinois will be confronted with a number of propositions on next Nov. 4 when they present themselves at their polling places to exercise their prerogative as free born Americans. In addition to the selection of officials for the several offices to be voted upon, a number of other propositions will be presented for decision — among them an amendment to the state banking act.

This act was prepared by the Banking Commission created by act of the 55th General Assembly. It amends 14 sections of the banking act and adds one new section. In addition to substantive changes in the banking law, other changes are made in phraseology merely to clarify the language.

The adoption of these amendments will strengthen banking in Illinois and will give to the supervising authorities more rigid enforcement powers.

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