

## HIGHWOOD MAYOR IN PRAISE OF HIS CITY

### Says Annexation Proposal Not Popular; Citizens Proud of Their Town

Reports of sentiment in favor of annexation of Highwood to Highland Park are discounted by Mayor Evan Dever. City officials in a statement appearing in the Herald and Examiner following a report to the effect that annexation proposals were growing in favor.

Declaring the majority of Highwood citizens were content with conditions, Mayor Dever said:

"Ninety per cent of Highwood residents are proud of their community, and feel that if any one doesn't like things the way they are, they are welcome to pack up and move out tomorrow."

Highwood's per capita debt is among the lowest in the state, the mayor asserted, adding the auditors who recently completed a survey of the city books had strongly commended the financial status of the municipality. Bonded debt of the city is now less than \$2,000.

Taxes are low in the city, which is composed mostly of residents who own their own homes. Last year only \$8,000 in taxes was collected for general corporate purposes, not including schools. This year the appropriation ordinance, slightly higher than in previous years, was for \$4,400.

#### Cleans Up City

In answer to charges that vice was rampant in Highwood, the mayor asserted that under his administration, and under Chief of Police Emil Lauridson, the city was being cleaned up as rapidly as possible. He said:

"There is no open vice in the city. A few beer flats and gambling places, left over from previous years, are being closed as fast as we hear about them. We are going to keep Highwood clean."

Although there are now more than 4,000 men stationed at Fort Sheridan, there has been practically no trouble with the soldiers, Chief Lauridson said. The principal business of police, he added, has been to enforce vehicle laws, and other city ordinances.

The bulk of the population, according to Mayor Dever, is made up of old soldiers, employes of the North Shore Line and law-abiding citizens of the laboring class. There is a large colony of Italians and a number of persons of Swedish descent.

#### Special Meeting Garden

##### Study Club August 24

There will be a special meeting of the Highland Park Garden Study club next Monday, August 24 at 2 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. O. L. Olesen, 359 Moraine road. Reports of the chairwomen in charge of the recent flower show will be made, followed by a discussion of garden books.

Any member finding it impossible to be present will please notify her hostess.

## St. James Team Defeats Waukegan Nine Sunday; Play H. P. on Aug. 30th

The St. James baseball team finished its Tri County league schedule with a 12-9 victory over Waukegan S.N.P.'s at Highwood field last Sunday.

In the absence of Yeary, the regular pitcher, Rogan assumed the mound duties with Manager Carr doing the receiving, O'Conner at second, Thurston at short and Berube back at his

Waukegan started fast and grabbed a three run lead in the first inning three two-base hits helping them along. The home team came back with five runs in their half and kept the lead for the remainder of the game. A home run by Segert with two men on base pushed three runs across.

Smith, St. James' diminutive center fielder made a beautiful diving catch in the sixth to check a threatened Waukegan rally.

Sunday's victory was the tenth for the local team in the last 11 games. Their defeat by a score of 6-5 by Des Plaines in 11 innings ruined championship aspirations, but the boys have made a remarkably fine showing, having pulled up from sixth place to second after a slow start. They have defeated every other team in the league at least once.

Next Sunday the Highwood Cardinals will be met in the second chapter of the civil war on Highwood field. St. James took the decision in the first meeting of the two teams earlier in the season. A large crowd is expected for next Sunday's game which is called at 3 p.m.

On Sunday, August 30 St. James will play the Highland Park Crescents at Sunset park in a benefit game for Richard Roach whose eye was injured by a batted ball in an early season game between the two teams. Both teams solicit the public's support for this game.

## Highwood Baker Loses Both Hands in Mixer

Nello Ori, Highwood baker, lost portions of both hands in a dough-mixing machine Friday afternoon. The heavy knife severed both hands at the wrist.

He was taken to Highland Park hospital, where his injuries were treated by Dr. John Lundstrom. Although suffering from loss of blood, he is expected to recover.

## Local Firms Provide Equipment for New H. P. Public Library Building

Murphy & Schwall, the heating and ventilating engineers on the new Highland Park library, have been doing a successful business in Highland Park for the past six years. Among the numerous other jobs completed by them are: The Highland Park Pumping Station, the Udell building, the Schneider and Huntley building, as well as a large number of resi-

field, Lake Forest and Highland Park. Plumbing on the new Highland Park library was done by the Decker Heating & Plumbing Co., local firm, established in Highland Park since 1911. Mr. Decker can proudly speak of his work on the Elm Place, Lincoln and Ravinia schools, Bob O' Link and Old Elm Golf courses and numerous residences in Highland Park and along the north shore.

The oil burner in the new library was purchased from and installed by the Johnson Oil Burner Co., distributors for S. T. Johnson Co., one of the oldest manufacturers of oil burning equipment in the country, who have been making oil burner equipment exclusively for the past 30 years. Many of the prominent buildings along the north shore are equipped with this well known Johnson equipment.

Mr. Vetter, of the Vetter Electric Service Co., electricians on the new Highland Park library, was born and raised in Highland Park and has been doing a successful business here for the past 8 years. His work includes electrical contracting, repairing and fixture service. Three years ago this firm opened a display room of foreign and artistic fixtures in the Alden Studios, Sheridan and Central avenue. Their slogan "Vetter and Better Always" consists of the combined personal service, safety and convenience which can be seen on all of their work among which are the Highland Park City hall, North Shore Trust building, Ravinia Fire station, Gen. R. E. Woods residence and many other of the finest residences in Highland Park.

## Recommend Watchman at Glenview Crossing

Recommendation that a watchman be employed at the Waukegan road grade crossing in Glenview where seven persons were killed early last week was made by a Cook county

## "The Great Wilno" Appears in Circus at Waukegan Sunday

Ever on the alert for new sensations, the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus has engaged "The Great Wilno" who is actually shot with violent velocity from the mouth of a monster cannon. Wilno's death-defying deed will take place twice daily, and will be a part of the regular performance.

In addition to the feat of "Wilno" there will be other innumerable thrill-

cus comes to Waukegan, on Sunday, August 23. Prominent among the displays will be Clyde Beatty with over 30 fighting African lions and Bengal and Siberian tigers. This is the largest group ever subjugated by an American and represents the pinnacle of wild animal training. Other features will be the appearance of Poodles Hanneford and his famous family of equestrians, and the Walter Neiss troupe of high wire artists.

Demands of the juvenile patrons have not been overlooked and dumb actors from ponyland, monkeyland, bearland and dogland will participate in many novelties. Such well known trainers as Roy Rush, Dewey Butler, Cheerful Gardner and Allen Hauser will present groups of horses, zebras, llamas, elephants, camels and other semi-domestic animals.

"The Golden Orient," a bewitching spectacle of old Japan, will open the lengthy performances. This spectacle is said to be one of the most beautiful and gorgeous ever produced, and requires an extensive cast of characters as well as a vocal chorus. Costumes and wardrobe, as well as properties, scenery and electrical effects cost thousands of dollars.

Hagenbeck-Wallace will offer one of the largest menageries entour, which occupies a tent 100x350 feet.

coroner's jury investigating the accident. A number of accidents have occurred at this crossing during the past few years, testimony revealed.

Engineer Wallace Mann of Fox Lake, driving the train when it crashed into the automobile, declared that the crossing signals were working at the time.

Those killed in the crash were Bruno Woods, his wife Helen, their infant son David; Joseph Rutkowski, his wife Martha, their son Henry, and their daughter, Dolores. The Woods lived in Chicago, while Rutkowski lived in Milwaukee.

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