

**Mrs. Lewis Ashman
Heads Deerfield P. T. A.**

Mrs. Lewis Ashman was elected president of the Deerfield Grammar School Parent-Teacher association at its annual meeting last Friday, and Mrs. G. Albert Willen is the new treasurer. They were unanimously elected for a two year term. Officers who continue their duties from this past year are Mrs. F. W. Russo, the vice-president, and Mrs. Carl E. Bates, the secretary.

Mrs. F. W. Russo, who presided, read an excellent report of the work accomplished by the P. T. A. which was prepared by Mrs. C. E. Piper, the outgoing president, who was unable to attend. All reports of other committees showed a conservative, yet actively functioning organization. Mrs. Henry Clifford Hawes, who so capably served as chairman of the program committee, will serve again next year with the new president, Mrs. Ashman.

The girls glee club, directed by

Miss Grace Ronningen, sang a group of songs.

Miss Margaret Kerr, an English teacher in the Dolton Junior high school, in her talk on proper selection of literature for children, began with the oral reading of mothers to their young children and the types to select, leading up to the older children and how to encourage the appreciation of right kinds of literature. She also gave many constructive ideas which may be especially applied during the summer months of leisure.

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city employes and other details which can be gone into fully after the repeal of the ordinances which have now been adopted.

Salary Ordinance

Without attempting to analyze all of the individual items of the two objectionable ordinances, the City Club has compiled the following figures which seem to support their opinion as to the desirability of re-considering the present ordinances:

Lake Forest total of salaries is \$55,258.00; Winnetka, \$72,610.00; Highland Park, \$86,763.06. Lake Forest has a population of 6,554, Winnetka 12,166, and Highland Park 12,000.

It will be seen from the above that Highland Park's expenses for salaries is considerably larger than the same items in either Lake Forest or Winnetka, Winnetka having about the same population as Highland Park and Lake Forest having 25% more territory than Highland Park. The cost for firemen's salaries in Highland Park is about one-third higher than in Winnetka; in this connection it might be stated that Winnetka enjoys the same fire insurance rates as Highland Park.

Upon analyzing the salaries paid in Highland Park during the last five or six years, it is found that the total of the salary ordinance for the current year which was recently adopted is \$125,453, while the total for the year 1926 was \$83,560, so that the salaries which it is proposed to pay during this year are 152% of those paid in 1926.

Appropriation Ordinance

In considering the totals of the appropriation ordinance adopted by the council last week, it is found that these items payable out of general taxes total \$450,560, which is slightly less than the similar totals of last year although it is 172% of the maximum tax which the city might expect to collect.

Co-operation of Organizations

The above facts have also been submitted to the Deerfield Township Taxpayers Association and the Ridgewood Drive Improvement association, both of which organizations have unanimously agreed to join with the City club in the circulation of petitions for the repeal of these ordinances.

These facts were also presented at a meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, an organization consisting of two delegates from each of the twelve civic associations in Highland Park. This committee authorized the appointment of a committee to analyze in detail the salary and appropriation ordinances and to prepare recommendations for revisions to adequately reduce the totals of both ordinances.

The members' meeting of the City club was concluded with the election of officers for the current year and for trustees to serve five years each. Those elected were: president, A. E. Smith; vice-president, X. Vigeant; secretary, H. F. van Steenderen; treasurer, F. R. McVeity; trustees, R. T. Mack, F. E. Vaughan, G. T. Thorne, William Pearl.

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